

COLOUR LOTUS

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"In the Pure Land, the lotus flowers bloom in every hue imaginable—blue with blue light, yellow with yellow, red with red, white with white. Unique, equal, and radiant just as they are. Compassion doesn't discriminate."

VERSE 1

Walking through the city with a borrowed face
Trying to fit my steps into a stranger's pace
They told us how to blend, they told us how to hide
Painting over everything we hold inside
But look down at the water, past the concrete street
There's a rhythm starting underneath our feet

PRE-CHORUS

You don't gotta change your shade to win the prize
Every single flower gets a chance to rise!
Break the mold, drop the mask, let it all unwind—
Look around... even the Buddha wouldn't mind!

3, 2, 1, let it go!

CHORUS

しょうしきしょうこう、おうしきおうこう、
しゃくしきしゃっこう、びゃくしきびゃっこ!

(SHOH-shee-kee shoh-KOH, OH-shee-kee oh-KOH, shahk-oo-shee-kee shahk-KOH, byahk-oo-shee-kee byahk-KOH!)

Yeah, the Buddha's arms are open wide!
No matter who you are, you belong inside!

しょうしきしょうこう!

(SHOH-shee-kee shoh-KOH)

Let your true colors shine!

VERSE 2

Step into the circle, leave your shadow at the door
We got all kinds of dreamers shaking up the floor
No matter your colors, never gotta fake a hue
Compassion don't discriminate, it looks right back at you
Unconditioned, unrestricted, breaking down the wall
The light is universal and it catches every fall!
So pump the bass and let the lotus uncurl—
We lighting up the whole damn world!

BRIDGE

Let it shine! Let it glow!
Let the whole universe know!
No one is left out in the cold!
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FINAL CHORUS

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CLOSING LINE

南無阿弥陀仏...

(Namo Ah-Mi-Da- Boot-tsu)