

## Yoko Kanno

# "Beauty Is Within Us"

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Oh mother dear  
Look what you've done  
To your forlorn and once beloved son  
Why was I born at all?  
Oh mother dear  
I'm such a freak  
A mutant man, a woman underneath  
Why was I born at all?

It's you I blame for all the shame  
This anguish and this aching  
The mirror turned against the wall  
Myself despised, forsaken

\*You say, "Beauty is within us, your mother knows."  
"There's a beauty that's within us, just like a rose."  
You say, "Beauty is within us, so let it grow."  
But it's grown so dark and ugly

Oh mother dear  
I curse you so  
For breathing life into your wretched son  
Why were you born at all?  
Oh mother dear  
I love you so  
Oh please forgive this anger in my soul  
Without you I'm alone

It's me who's been eternally damned  
Trapped inside this cage, a ruined man  
All damaged and depraved

Oh mother dear  
This misery  
Has settled like a stain upon my skin  
- a vast unspoken sin

And my mistake is much too late  
But your mistake was trusting  
That out of grief, a goodness comes  
And love comes out of lusting

You say, "Beauty is within us, your mother knows."  
"There's a beauty that's within us, just like a rose."  
You say, "Beauty is within us, so let it grow."  
But it's grown so dark I can not see you anymore

"Oh beauty is within us, mother knows."  
"Oh beauty is within us, like a rose."  
"Oh beauty is within us, let it grow."  
"Oh mother dear, let me out of here!"

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