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Desdamona "Too Big for My Skin"

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[Desdamona] My momma never told a lie, she couldn't when the truth was clear Through stretch marks and crow's feet, the truth is what she told me Not through words, but through the curve of her hips The gleam in her eyes... the memories on her lips She, is so beautiful, that her skin can't even keep her concealed She is so beautiful, that in her early days she carried another life inside her, manifested the fire Sending her existance higher She has tracks on her breasts, stretched and pressed from days where there was no time to rest And she gave birth to my dreams, unselfishly Because her she could not see She never told me how to live, she showed me She showed me the moon, sun and stars in her belly She showed me the dirt on the soles of her feet Cracked and worn into painfully beautiful designs Marking her travels... and mine And my spirit, dances in her eyes And no matter how far I try to run, there inside I will reside And when she flies, part of me will die Lifeline stretched like the marks on belly and breast And I will, strive to survive with the rest Imitating her breath Rhythms resumed inside hardheaded womb and she whispers to me in my dreams that things aren't always what they seem She tells me that I am things I cannot conceive And she tells me that my hips, could never be too big And that those stretch marks don't mean a thing She said - that's just your flesh trying to sing! She says, don't ever let someone try to take what is within And if they tell you you're too big for a woman Tell them - you're just too big for your skin

Tell them, a body, just can't hold all this beauty

Tell them, they only wish they had hills and valleys like the Earth They can criticize, but they will never give birth to the love that rests in your breast They will never see the life in your hands And you can never, expect them to understand Too big for your skin she says, too big for this Earth Too big for anyone to ever to turn your worth Lips like peaches, plump nectar sweet When your belly shakes with laughter it sends earthquakes and tremors Keeping time with your heart, beats arms like ivy Twisting, taking it all into your hands Fingertips like matches, setting flame to all you touch They may try to call you a witch Because they cannot grasp the magic you posess And they cannot even begin to imagine the tenderness of your caress Your memory, expands past what your eyes can see And you can use this knowledge to set you free You, are, too, big, for, your, skin Not too skinny, too fat, too ugly, too pretty Too white, too black, she says You, are too big for your skin And honey, there ain't one thing bad about that

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