

## Skin

what do you see when you look at me

the color of my skin a beautiful ebony

do you refuse to acknowledge the ivory

the blood of more than one nation flows through me

what happens when you stand close to me

do I awaken your cellular memory

do you dream of Africa, the Great Mother,

the beginning of humanity

or do I trigger your fear and insecurity

if I told you I was telling the truth would you believe me

or would you feel I was not trustworthy

do I scare you simply because

a scary dark shadow walking behind you at night

do you take flight ?

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