

# Proud

CHIKA

Oh oh, oh oh, oh oh oh oh oh  
Oh oh, oh oh

(Look) Let me tell you about pride  
The struggle to survive  
Living every day with your loving under fire  
People questioning the ways that you self-identify  
And who you choose to date is it never on your mind?  
And that's why people so - fascinated, they passive hating  
Y'all repeat the rhetoric just like a class was taken  
But I bet we could settle it just if the past were traded  
And y'all were born a certain way and told you had to hate it  
I'm doing me, y'all can disagree  
But, people paid to talk, and y'all do it for free  
But, you can see me walking, up and through the streets  
(Look) I'm still gonna sing

I will not be ashamed  
This is just who I am, who I was meant to be  
No mistakes  
And right here I stand, I'm out on my own two feet  
No, you will not tear me down  
No, my heart will not be bound  
Singing loud, say it loud, I'm Proud  
Oh oh, oh oh, oh oh oh oh oh (I'm proud)  
Oh oh, oh oh, oh oh oh oh oh (I'm proud)  
Oh oh, oh oh, oh oh oh oh oh (I'm proud)  
Oh oh, oh oh, oh oh oh oh oh (I'm proud)

I think it's time that we respect each other  
Just being realistic, why do we expect each other to be the same  
And if we aren't, then we reject each other  
As if the way I use my heart will make me less than others  
I lace up my shoes and walk in my truth  
Cause being myself ain't nothing taboo  
I go through the world with nothing to prove  
Cause I've heard it all, man, I'm bulletproof  
This ain't political, this is pivotal  
Let me draw you up a visual of knowing who you are  
I mean it's visceral, and then you open up and manifest it in the physical  
Take a giant step but in the world, you're still invisible  
I will demand that you understand  
And you will respect the person I am  
Cause I'm not afraid, look I do exist  
I insist

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I'm proud, I'm proud, let me hear you say it (hear you say it)  
I'm proud, I'm proud, no more hesitating (don't you hesitate)  
I'm proud, I'm proud, let me hear you say it  
I'm proud, I'm proud  
Let them know sis

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