

## N.F.L.

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Born into this world a free agent  
Single mother, nineteen-year-old, forsaken (No)  
By my daddy, a man with no patience (Nah)  
Traded for adoption towards my greatness (Yeah)  
Picked up by a white team  
Little privilege (Yes), I was still a black boy  
With black boy visions  
Sports was natural, defensive end, pointer position  
In my mind I'm wondering  
If my dad did this

I pushed through to become the true me  
4.0 GPA, basketball, MVP  
Got recruiters wanting pieces of me  
Pieces of they team  
A free agent, barely nineteen  
Headed to Nevada to further pursue my dream  
Quarterback, even earned a degree  
Learned more about me  
And the ones before me  
The shame and the glory  
Some American dreams  
Our horror story (My skin is black)

My skin is black  
They just see N.F.L. (N.F.L. )  
They just see N.F.L. (N.F.L. )  
They just see N.F.L. (N.F.L. )  
My skin is black  
They just see N.F.L.  
They just see N.F.L. (They just see)  
They just see N.F.L. (Oh, Lord, why, why)

Fast forward to 2011  
NFL debut, October 2nd  
New lessons of what it's like to work for an owner  
Navigating through the field  
No longer the corners  
Managers and endorsements  
Meals and great courses  
Adopted to a system  
Of corporates and sportsmen  
Meanwhile from Ferguson to Portsmouth  
Cops are killing in great proportions  
It was never my intention (Nah)  
To draw self attention (Nah)  
But draw more attention to the murders aforementioned (Yes)  
I never flaunted no hoes  
Never stabbed a person at the Superbowl  
Or knocked my lady out cold (Nah)  
Never got busted for trees  
Never took money under the table for greed  
But somehow  
I'm now the villian of the league  
'Cause I took a knee for victims who look like you and me  
  
My skin is black

They just see N.F.L. (They just see)  
They just see N.F.L.  
They just see N.F.L. (But my skin)  
My skin is black  
They just see N.F.L. (N.F.L.)  
They just see N.F.L. (N.F.L.)  
They just see N.F.L. (Oh, why, why, when I walk off the field)  
My skin is black  
They just see N.F.L. (Skin is black)  
They just see N.F.L. (Ain't invite you to be me, no)  
They just see N.F.L. (My skin is black, when the police)  
(Dare pull me over) My skin is black  
They just see N.F.L. (My skin is black)  
They just see N.F.L. (Oh, they just see N.F.L.)  
They just see N.F.L. (Oh, and it's plain to see)

I can't believe  
When they see me (Only see)  
They just see a nigga for life (They just see my skin)  
They just see a nigga for life (Oh, ho)  
They just see a nigga for life (They just see my skin)  
I can't believe  
When they see me (Oh-oh, oh, oh-oh, oh)  
They just see a nigga for life (They just see a nigga for life)  
They just see a nigga for life (They just see a nigga for life)  
They just see a nigga for life (Hey-eh, N.F.L.)

Uh  
Hey (N.F.L.)  
N.F.L. (N.F.L.)  
Oh, why  
Why, why  
Oh-oh, N.F.L