

# Lotus

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[Part I]

[Chorus]

A tiny dot behind the sun  
Now fills the sky, is this the one?  
Move aside, I'm packin' light  
Heaven's calling, space is tight

[Verse 1]

Blood pumps through veins  
Lava flows quite the same  
With no beating heart left to feed on the flame  
Pieces of shattered art  
Slide through the square  
Count from the right  
They speak abacus there  
Globes flying by  
A random glint strikes my eye  
Reflections of the people inside  
Their skin seems to shine  
Memories are left behind  
I raise my hand  
Can I grab a ride?

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[Verse 2]

Count up all the dots  
There's no time to waste  
When comets come circlin' around for a taste  
They feel us from deep in space  
Sensing their chance  
Most brush on by, too confused by the dance  
We're moving fast  
This is our time  
People will be left behind  
'Round their feet are growing vines  
Worlds are strung out side by side  
Jump to the next one  
Waiting in line

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[Part II]

[Verse 1]

A lotus petal in the wind  
A blossom in the stream  
The morning dew falls on my face  
And wakes me from my dream  
It was a land not from far here  
Where everyone was glass

I saw right through their bodies  
But they would not let me pass  
They told me to abandon hope  
To wish it was a mistake  
Their hopelessness was very clear but I remained opaque  
The more I reached beyond them, as I tried to slither past

The harder they would push me until I gave up at last  
But rivers are beneath my skin, through veins and through my bones  
As my body turned to glass  
They left me there alone  
Just as my last ray of hope attempted to depart  
A flower in the breeze awoke the beating of my heart  
I reached with my transparent hand and pulled it from the air  
And suddenly a council made of glass was standing there

[Verse 2]

My color had returned again  
And clearly I was not like them  
Underneath a lotus tree  
Was where my trial was meant to be  
My own words I did not renounce  
The hope that they all live without  
The evidence was my lone flower  
Which strengthened me and gave me power

[Verse 3]

The verdict came with no delay  
I was guilty, I should pay  
Before the sentencing could be  
I ran and shook the lotus tree  
The blossoms fell along the snow  
Upon the heads of those below  
Screams rang out as bodies scattered  
Flowers fell and people shattered

[Part III]

[Verse 1]

The flowers, they could not withstand  
Reduced their glassy falls to sand  
And soon a blissful silence fell upon the sandy lotus knell  
A wind came up and gently blew the petals all around  
A lightly falling mist then rinsed the sand into the ground  
Into the ground

[Verse 2]

I watched the petals flutter by  
And land upon the stream  
I raised my face and let the water wash my body clean  
Wash my body clean  
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[Part IV]

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