## **CAN YOU SEE ME?**

1 Can you see me in the things that you purchase, In a place where the prices there suit you so well? Can you imagine the place where I'm working; No food and no breaks, in a sweat shop that's hell? Can you see me?

2 Can you see me in the shadows and darkness, Where my body is sold for minutes and hours? Can you imagine the suffering in sex trade, Where dreams are stolen and so is my power? Can you see me?

## Refrain

Look! Look, and don't turn away.
I'm calling to you and just want to say:
See all you can and tell others about me
And help to bring freedom and justice for all. Can you see me?

3 Can you see me in the sweat and the struggle, 300 feet down, at the face of a mine? My parents owe money and this is their payment: A slave for a son and I'm only nine. Can you see me?

4 Can you see me? I am here, all around you, I don't say a word, in case I'm ill-treated. A servant who should know just where her place is, Twenty-four/seven to do what is ordered. Can you see me?

## Refrain

Can you see me in the fields of the farmers Who bribed us to be there, and won't set us free? Back breaking work, no matter the weather; Picking and packing your fruit and your vegies. Can you see me?

Can you see me, in the shed by the highway Where people are harvested for body parts? My brother lost eyes, and I gave a kidney. The dead are just dumped like trash from a cart. Can you see me?

## Refrain

I'm all around you, hidden from vision Wondering if I will ever be free. Longing for life and for chains to be broken Longing for sunlight, for justice and peace. Can you see me? Can you see me?

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