

RAINBOW FACES
Mike Delaney, 9/2/19

My next-door neighbors, they came here from Saigon
Aiding our troops while surviving the war
Next to them are young Haitians, nearly killed in the earthquake
They all seek to succeed on our shores

Upstairs young Chaitali, she came here from Delhi
Studies physics at Tufts; she's top in her class
Her roommate is Bina, who grew up in Haifa
She's learning at art school, to make sculptures in glass

Chorus:

In this Rainbow of Faces, is our sweet salvation
Strengthened by fabrics, weaving kaleidoscope strands
We struggle together; we're in it forever
Rainbow Faces from so many lands

My friend, Juan Hernandez, fled a hurricane in Honduras
For 20 years he's worked two jobs on an assembly line
Coaches soccer on Saturdays; goes to church every Sunday
Yet his goals in life are the same as mine

Chorus

Bridge:

We all came from another place
By choice, by force, or risky escape
Travelers running in the human race
We struggle every day to survive

Pay our taxes, do our work
Pull our weight, never shirk
Finally, there's the ultimate perk—
We have the right to be alive

Chorus + Tag

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Dm Em G C

C F C
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Dm Em F G

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F C Am G
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Dm Em G C
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Dm Em G C

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Chorus

Dm Em G C

<solo – verse>

Bridge:

Dm G
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Am G
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F Am
Travelers running in the human race

Dm C G
We struggle every day to survive

Dm G
Pay our taxes, do our work

Am G
Pull our weight, never shirk

F Am
Finally, there's the ultimate perk—

Dm C G
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