

Umi Says

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I don't wanna write this down
(World premiere)
I wanna tell you how I feel right now
(World premiere)I don't wanna take no time to write this down
(World premiere)
I wanna tell you how I feel right now, hey
(World premiere)Tomorrow may never come
For you or me life is not promised
Tomorrow may never show up
For you and me this life is not promisedI ain't no perfect man
I'm trying to do the best that I can
With what it is I haveI ain't no perfect man
I'm trying to do the best that I can
With what it is I havePut my heart and soul into this song
(Yes, yes)
I hope you feel me from where I am, to wherever you are
I mean that sincerely, tomorrow may never come
For you and me life is not promised, tomorrow may never appearYou better hold this very moment very close to
you
(Right now)
Very close to you
(Right now)
So close to you, so close to you
(Your moment in history is right now, now!)
Don't be afraid, to let it shineMy Umi said, "Shine your light on the world
Shine your light for the world to see"
My Abi said, "Shine your light on the world
Shine your light for the world to see"(I want black people to be free, to be free, to be free)
My Abi said, "Shine your light on the world"
(Want black people to be free, to be free, to be free)
"Shine your light for the world to see"(Want black people to be free, to be free, to be free)
My Umi said, "Shine your light on the world"
(Want black people to be free, to be free, to be free)
"Shine your light for the world to see"
(Want black people to be free, to be free)Sometimes I get discouraged
I look around and things are so weak
People are so weakSometimes, sometimes I feel like crying
Sometimes my heart gets heavy
Sometimes I just want to leave and fly away

(Fly fly fly, like a dove)
 Sometimes I don't know what to do with myself
 (Ow)Passion takes over me, I feel like a man
 Going insane, losing my brain
 Trying to maintain, doing my thang
 Hey hey, hey hey, heyPut my heart and soul into this y'all
 I hope you feel me where I am to wherever you areSometimes I don't want to be bothered
 Sometimes I just want a quiet life
 With me and my babies, me and my lady
 Sometimes I don't want to get into no war
 (Black people to be free, to be free, to be free)Sometimes I don't wanna be a soldier
 Sometimes I just wanna be a man, butUmi said, "Shine your light on the world
 Shine your light for the world to see"
 My Abi said, "Shine your light on the world
 Shine your light for the world to see"(I want black people to be free, to be free, to be free)
 My dreamers say, "Shine your light on the world"
 (Want black people to be free, to be free, to be free)
 "Shine your light for the world to see"(Want black people)
 My elders said, "Shine your light on the world"
 (Hey, hey)
 "Shine your light for the world to see"I want black people to be free, to be free, to be free
 All my people to be free, to be free, to be free
 All black people to be free, to be free, to be free
 All black people to be free, to be free, to be freeThat's all that matters to me, that's all that matters to me
 That's all that matters to me, that's all that matters to me
 That's all that matters to me, that's all that matters to me
 That's all that matters to meBlack people unite and let's all get down
 Gotta have what? Gotta have that love
 Peace and understanding, one God, one light
 One man, one voice, one micBlack people unite, come on and do it right
 Black people unite, come on and do it right
 Black people unite, come on and get downGotta have what? Love, peace and understanding
 One God, one voice, one life, one man, gon' shine my light
 Black people unite, now hop up and do it right
 Black people unite, now come on and do it rightBlack people, my people, black people, my people
 Black people, my people, black people, my people

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