

# UMI Says

## Mos Def

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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