

# I'll Rise

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You may write me down in history  
With your bitter twisted lies  
You may tread me down in the very dirt  
And still like the dust I'll rise  
Does my happiness upset you  
Why are you beset with gloom  
'Coz I laugh like I've got an oil well  
Pumping in my living room  
So you may shoot me with your words  
You may cut me with your eyes  
And I'll rise, I'll rise, I'll rise  
Rise, rise  
Out of the shacks of history's shame  
Up from a past rooted in pain  
I'll rise, I'll rise, I'll rise  
Rise, rise  
Now did you want to see me broken  
Bowed head and lowered eyes  
Shoulders fallen down like tear drops  
Weakened by my soulful cries  
Does my confidence upset you  
Don't you take it awful hard  
'Coz I walk like I've got a diamond mine  
Breaking up in my front yard  
So you may shoot me with your words  
You may cut me with your eyes  
And I'll rise, I'll rise, I'll rise  
Rise, rise  
Out of the shacks of history's shame  
Up from a past rooted in pain  
I'll rise, I'll rise, I'll rise  
Rise, rise  
You may write me down in history  
With your bitter twisted lies  
You may tread me down in the very dirt  
And still like the dust I'll rise  
Does my happiness upset you  
Why are you beset with gloom  
'Coz I laugh like I've got a goldmine

Digging up in my living room  
So you may shoot me with your words  
You may cut me with your eyes  
And I'll rise, I'll rise, I'll rise  
Rise, rise  
Out of the shacks of history's shame  
Up from a past rooted in pain  
I'll rise, I'll rise, I'll rise  
Rise, rise  
Yes I'll rise  
You may shoot me with your words  
You may cut me with your eyes  
And I'll rise, I'll rise, I'll rise  
Rise, rise  
Out of the shacks of history's shame  
Up from a past rooted in pain  
I'll rise, I'll rise, I'll rise  
Rise, rise  
I'm gonna rise, I'll rise, I'll rise  
Rise, rise  
I'll rise, I'll rise, I'll rise  
Rise, rise

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