

# People Have the Power

Patti Smith

I was dreamin' in my dreamin'  
Of an aspect bright and fair  
And my sleepin' it was broken  
But my dream it lingered nearIn the form of shinin' valleys  
Where the pure air recognized  
Oh, and my senses newly opened  
And I awakened to the cryAnd the people have the power  
To redeem the work of fools  
From the meek the graces shower  
It's decreed the people rulePeople have the power  
People have the power  
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People have the powerVengeful aspects became suspect  
And bending low as if to hear  
Well, and the armies ceased advancin'  
Because the people had their earAnd the shepherds [Incomprehensible] the soldiers  
And they laid among the stars  
Exchanging visions, layin' arms  
To waste in the dustIn the form of shinin' valleys  
Where the pure air recognized  
And my senses newly opened  
And I awakened to the cryPeople have the power  
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People have the powerWhere there were deserts, I saw fountains  
Like cream the waters rise  
And we strolled there together  
With none to laugh or criticizeThere is no leopard and the lamb  
And lay together truly bound  
Well I was hopin' in my hopin'  
To recall what I had foundWell I was dreamin' in my dreamin'  
God knows a pure view  
As I lay down into my sleepin'  
And I commit my dream with youPeople have the power  
People have the power  
People have the power  
People have the powerThe power to dream, to rule  
To wrestle the earth from fools  
But it's decreed the people rule

But it's decreed the people rule Listen, I believe everythin' we dream  
Can come to pass through our union  
We can turn the world around  
We can turn the earth's revolution We have the power  
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To wrestle the earth from fools  
But it's decreed the people rule  
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