

# Rise

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So much pain  
We don't know how to be but angry  
Feel infected like we've got gangrene  
Please don't let anybody try to change me  
Me, just me, in the middle of a sea full of faces  
Full of faces, some laugh, some salivate  
What's in your alleyway  
Recycling bins or bullet cases?  
It's not equal, it's not fair  
We're different people but we're not scared  
We ain't never scared to pave a new path  
Make a new street, build a new bridge  
Say, can you see by the dawns early light?  
Free slaves running, songs words weren't right  
Now, a new days coming  
The few stay stunning while the many are handsome  
Your soul is alive but they want it for ransom  
The bass drumming is the anthem  
We step to the heartbeats  
Of our granddaughters and grandsons  
And  
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Lost hope and found need  
Grounded by our surroundings  
Did the walls scream, universities  
Or you and I verse the tees?  
React, automatic and we burst when squeezed  
And make 9-11 each emergency  
Urgency, amber to red like the turning leaves  
Oh please, let the hurting cease  
Don't let apathy police the populace  
We will march across

Those stereotypes that were marked for us  
The answer's obvious, we switch the consonants  
And change the sword to words and lift continents

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