## **Dear Rosa**

## Labelle

Said Ive got something to say
My dear lady,
Dear Rosa,
I want to say whats on my mind
I m writing you a letter
With love and hope in every line
I try not to think about the pain

But how your sacrifice will reign Dear Rosa,

Who would believe?

So hot and tired

What made you decide?

That you would rather die

Than just stand so someone else could ride

And prove that lie again

That the color of our skin made us less than other men

Dear Rosa,

Sit down servant

Come on in

How long? Will this hate go on?

Change our lives and now youre gone

Somebody said, and still the cross is burned.

Dear Rosa,

The spirit will yearn.

Sitting down in the front of the bus

You made a stand for all of us

You didnt move when they called you names

You knew that a mind was the hardest thing to change.

Living in a line, your freedom denied,

After Malcolm, Martin and John gave their life.

Dear Rosa,

Its so hard not to cry

Dear Rosa,

You didnt live to see the day we talked to one another

Regardless of the color of our skin

Or the gods we believed in

When I look around and see people filled with pain

Dear Rosa,

How did you keep your faith?

Yes, tell me How long, will this go on?

You changed our lives

Now your gone away, goneeeeeeee Somebody says, and still the cross is burned.

Dear Rosa,

The spirit will yearn.

Chorus: (Background)

Dear Rosa,

Oh we miss you yes, yes we do Uh huh, oh the trials and troubles

Regardless of the right things to do

Rosa,

What a wonderful woman?

I am so glad

Rosa, you sat down.

Chorus: (Background)

Rosa, tell will we ever ride

Where would I be, Rosa if you did not believe

Keep the memory; youve been a blessing to me

I want the world to sing, oh

Chorus: (Background)

Rosa oh, you have been good to me

Change our lives

Oh the pride that I feel and I know that its real

Somebody say, hey hey

Dear Rosa,

You sat on down

Ill keep saying it

Yes you did

Tell me somebody

Dear Rosa (repeat 6Xs)Chorus:

Rosa, I dont know where Id be, but I know yes indeed. Change our lives, and the pride that I feel, yes I know that its real.

Somebody say, Dear Rosa,

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