

# I'll Rise

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You may write me down in history  
With your bitter twisted lies  
You may trod me down in the very dirt  
And still like the dust I'll rise  
Does my happiness upset you  
Why are you best with gloom  
Cause I laugh like I've got an oil well  
Pumpin' in my living room

So you may shoot me with your words  
You may cut me with your eyes  
And I'll rise  
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Out of the shacks of history's shame  
Up from a past rooted in pain  
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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  
Cause I walk like I've got a diamond mine  
Breakin up in my front yard

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