**Unity Mash Up**

**Maya Angelou live performance**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qviM_GnJbOM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iZoG9FAtQIs>

U.N.I.T.Y

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You may write me down in history

With your bitter, twisted lies,

You may trod me in the very dirt

But still, like dust, **I'll** rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?

Why are you beset with gloom?

’Cause I walk like I've got oil wells

Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,

With the certainty of tides,

Just like hopes springing high,

**Still I'll rise.**

Did you want to see me broken?

Bowed head and lowered eyes?

Shoulders falling down like teardrops,

Weakened by my soulful cries?

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Does my haughtiness offend you?

Don't you take it awful hard

’Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines

Diggin’ in my own backyard.

You may shoot me with your words,

You may cut me with your eyes,

You may kill me with your hatefulness,

But still, like air, **I’ll rise.**

Out of the huts of history’s shame

**I rise**

Up from a past that’s rooted in pain

**I rise**

I’m ablack ocean, leaping and wide,

Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.

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Leaving behind nights of terror and fear

**(I rise)?**

Into a daybreak miraculously **(that’s wondrously**)clear

**(I rise)?**

Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,

I am the **dream and the hope** of the slave.

I rise (say 4 times)

I rise

I rise.

**Chant**

I am the **dream and the hope** of the slave. (say 4times)

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