

Alicia Keys, Underdog

she was walking in the street
looked up and noticed
he was nameless
he was homeless
she asked him his name and
told him what hers was
he gave her a story
about life
with a glint in his eye
and a corner of a smile
one conversation
a simple moment
the things that change us
if we notice
when we look up sometimes

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but I was built to break the mold
the only dream that I been chasing
is my own

so I sing a song for the hustlers
trading at the bus stop
single mothers
waiting on a check to come
young teachers
student doctors
sons on the front line
knowing they don't get to run
this goes out to the underdog
keep on keeping at what you love
you'll find that somebody soon enough
you will rise up , rise up, yeah

she's riding in a taxi
back to kitchen
talking to the driver
about his wife and his children
on the run from a country
where they put you in prison
for being a woman
and speaking your mind
she looked in his eyes
in the mirror and he smiled
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