

# 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

they said i would never make it  
but I was built to break the mold  
the only dream that I been chasing  
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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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