

# Mos Def, Umi Says

I don't wanna write this down, (world... premiere)  
I wanna tell you how I feel right now (world... premiere)  
I don't wanna take no time to write this down, (world... premiere)  
I wanna tell you how I feel right now, hey (world... premiere)

Tomorrow may never come  
For you or me  
Life is not promised  
Tomorrow may never show up  
For you and me  
This life is not promised

I ain't no perfect man  
I'm trying to do, the best that I can,  
With what it is I have  
I ain't no perfect man  
I'm trying to do, the best that I can,  
With what it is I have

Put my heart and soul into this song (yes yes)  
I hope you feel me  
&gt;From where I am, to wherever you are  
I mean that sincerely  
Tomorrow may never come  
For and me  
Life is not promised  
Tomorrow may never appear  
You better hold this very moment very close to you (right now)  
Very close to you (right now)  
So close to you, So- close to you (your moment in history is right now!)  
Don't be afraid, to let it shine

My Umi said shine your light on the world  
Shine your light for the world to see  
My Abi said shine your light on the world  
Shine your light for the world to see  
(I want black people to be free, to be free, to be free)  
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(Want black people to be free, to be free, to be free)  
Shine your light for the world to see  
(Want black people to be free, to be free, to be free)  
My Umi said shine your light on the world  
(Want black people to be free, to be free, to be free)  
Shine your light for the world to see  
(Want black people to be free, to be free...)

Sometimes I get discouraged  
I look around and, things are so weak  
People are so weak  
Sometimes,  
Sometimes I feel like crying  
Sometimes my heart gets heavy  
Sometimes I just want to leave and fly away (fly fly fly, like a dove)  
Sometimes I don't know what to do with myself (ow!)  
Passion takes over me  
I feel like a man  
Going insane  
Losing my brain  
Trying to maintain  
Doing my thang  
Hey hey hey hey hey  
Put my heart and soul into this y'all  
I hope you feel me  
Where I am, to wherever you are (ha ha ha ha)

Sometimes I don't want to be bothered  
Sometimes I just want a quiet life, with  
Me and my babies, me and my lady  
Sometimes I don't want to get into no war  
(Black people to be free, to be free...)  
Sometimes I don't wanna be a soldier  
Sometimes I just wanna be a man, but

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My dreamers(?) said shine your light on the world  
(Want black people to be free, to be free, to be free)  
Shine your light for the world to see  
(Want black people)  
My elders said shine your light on the world (Hey hey)  
Shine your light for the world to see

I want black people to be free, to be free, to be free  
All my people to be free, to be free, to be free  
Oh black people to be free, to be free, to be free  
Oh black people to be free, to be free, to be free

That's all that matters to me [x7]

Black people unite and let's all get down  
Gotta have what,  
Gotta have that love  
Peace and understanding  
One God, one light  
One man, one voice, one mic  
Black people unite come on and do it right  
Black people unite come on and do it right  
Black people unite come on and get down  
Gotta have what,  
Love, peace and understanding  
One God, one voice, one life  
One man, gon' shine my light  
Black people unite, now hop up and do it right  
Black people unite, now come on and do it right  
Yeah baby that's what I like  
Yeah baby that's what I like  
Yeah baby that's what I like...  
(Black people, my people....)