

Nina Cried Power

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It's not the waking, it's the rising
It is the grounding of a foot uncompromising
It's not forgoing of the lie
It's not the opening of eyes
It's not the waking, it's the rising

It's not the shade, we should be past it
It's the light and it's the obstacle that casts it
It's the heat that drives the light
It's the fire it ignites
It's not the waking, it's the rising

It's not the song, it is the singing
It's the hearing of a human spirit ringing
It is the bringing of the line
It is the bearing of the rhyme
It's not the waking, it's the rising

And I could cry power (power), power (power), power
Nina cried power, Billie cried power, Mavis cried power
And I could cry power (power), power (power), power (power)
Curtis cried power, Patti cried power, Nina cried power



It's not the wall but what's behind it
Oh, the fear of fellow, his mere assignment
And everything that we're denied
by keeping the divide
It's not the waking, it's the rising

And I could cry power (power), power (power), power
Nina cried power, Lennon cried power, James Brown cried power
And I could cry power, power (power), power (power)
B.B. cried power, Joni cried power, Nina cried power

And I could cry power
Power has been cried by those stronger than me
Straight into the face that tells you to rattle your chains
If you love bein' free

Ah, lord I could cry power, power (power)
'Cause power is my love when my love reaches me

James Brown cried power, Seeger cried power, Marvin cried power
Yeah ah, power
James cried power, Lennon cried power, Patti cried power
Billie, power, Dylan, power, Woody, power
Nina cried power