



## Nina Cried Power

*by Hozier*

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