

Verse 1

Where do we find beginnings
When it feels like there's no end
How can we see the tides are turning
When the waves keep crashing in

Verse 2

And I know
Freedom can be found
And I know
Because Your Spirit's with us now
Let our hands and our feet
Say the words that we sing

Chorus

Rise up, let us walk by faith
Rise up, let us be the change
Let our hands and our feet
Say the words that we sing
Rise up
Rise up

Verse 3 (Spoken Word)

Lord of mercy, grace, and peace
Grant us courage to seek release
Of every child held captive
By timelines become pipelines
From wombs to schools
To six by eight cells of despair
By the power of Your Spirit take us there
To that place where freedom declares
That our desire must be
To inspire change in every heart
Instead of flooding our lands with prisons
Let us seek to build arks
Of safety
Nets of compassion
To catch every child whose mind
Has been fashioned for the fall

Let us build them up
Rather than build up walls
Too high for their souls to scale
For where is the justice in a system
That sets up children to fail
Forcing them to pray for miracles
Just to survive
Instead of repairing their broken spirits
From the beginning,
Let us teach them to thrive
No longer saying, "They are beyond redemption"
Let us help their dreams come alive
Lord give us the vision
To see them in Your image
See them with your eyes
Help us yield to a life of sacrifice
That gives our children the chance
To rise
Let us be the living sacrifice
Giving our children the chance to rise
To rise
To rise

Bridge

Our cry
Give us eyes to see
One heart
Give us faith to believe
One voice
Singing set the captives free
Cause your image wasn't made
To be put inside a cage
No, your image wasn't made
To be put inside a cage

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Verse 4 (Prayer)

Lord, let us be answers to prayers for freedom
Let our work yield new life for children everywhere
Let our labor End pipelines
From halls of schools
To walls of prisons
Lord, give us the vision
To seek and be change
Use our hands and feet
To break the chains
That bind up Black and Brown children
All too often cast aside
Lord, help us turn the tide
Of every ism
That mutes hope
Hinders deliverance
And Frustrates faith
Lord, help us rise up to give
Help us rise up to serve
Help us rise up to love
In the name of Jesus
Lord, Help us rise
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