

# Underdog

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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 a life  
With a glint in his eye and a corner of a smile  
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The things that change us if we notice  
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This goes out to the underdog  
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You'll find that someday soon enough  
You will rise up, rise up, yeah

She's riding in a taxi back to the 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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Everybody rise up  
You're gonna rise, yeah

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