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Rise together, we rise together, we rise together, we raise up
Whatever the days have brought
In every phase we're settin' the stage up
With memories of better ways of breaking bread with neighbors
And when I share with you it's an honor, not a favor
Everybody is a stranger in a strange land
'Til we make plans to be otherwise
Raise hands up to the skies
Like water vapors that arise
From the cold street like butterflies
Or breakdancers doing boomerangs
Coming back home to one great family of human beings
Look into each other's eyes
See a whole world of a size only the most high could know
Dreams of a dozen lifetimes
Flood bloodlines flowing right below
The patchwork tapestry that we call skin
Recall relatives like lightning bolts
Thunder rolls down an ocean from an icicle
So whenever my eyes are closed
I'm praying we can keep love alive
Clutch tight to the rainbows
To the sunsets and the northern lights
To the flesh tones spanning every shade
Of luscious bright dust that provides us sustenance
Please don't ever let me be color blind
Sing a lullaby

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It's the limit of culture, repulsive
Circling vultures put profits over our hearts
And the opposite of what we should want
But we've got is a pit in the middle of democracy
Hostilely an avocado seed
We could pot and start watering

Stop tossing rocks at the other team
There's a profit in othering
Punishing gossip among other things
Impossible policy, policing all of the smothered dreams
An abundance of tongue and cheek
Leaves some of us wondering
How we love for the government
Not what suffers in front of me
Rigor mortis and some chorus chords
Rising tide, lower shores
Democratize how we all rise like neither side is keeping score
With rock-solid accomplishments
Our byproduct is monuments
And those who climb as conquerors
We rise up as the opposition

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