

## Abbey Lincoln "Story Of My Father"

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Do we kill ourselves on purpose?  
Is destruction all our own?  
Are we dying for a reason?  
Is our misery all our own?  
Are the people suicidal?  
Did we come this far to die?  
Of ourselves are we to perish?  
For this useless, worthless lie?

My father had a kingdom  
My father wore a crown  
They said he was an awful man  
He tried to live it down  
My father built us houses  
And he kept his folks inside  
His images were stolen  
And his beauty was denied.

My brothers are unhappy  
And my sisters they are too  
And my mother cries for glory  
And my father stands accused.

My father, yes my father  
Was a brave and skillful man  
And he led and served his people  
With the magic of his hand.

My father, yes my father  
His soul was sorely tried  
'Cause his images were stolen  
And his beauty was denied.

Sometimes the river's calling  
And sometimes the shadows fall  
That's when he's like a mountain  
That is in master over all.

This story of my father  
Is the one I tell and give  
It's the power and the glory  
Of the life I make and live

My father has a kingdom  
My father wears a crown  
And he lives within the people  
And the lives he handed down  
My father has a kingdom  
My father wears a crown  
And through the spirit of my mother, Lord  
The crown was handed down.  
(musical interlude)

Well sometimes the rivers callin'Â'  
And sometimes the shadows fall  
That's when he's like a mountain  
That's a master over all.

My father has a kingdom  
My father wears a crown  
And he lives within the people  
And the lives he handed down  
My father has a kingdom  
My father wears a crown  
Through the spirit of my mother, Lord  
The crown was handed down  
Through the spirit of my mother  
The crown was handed down  
Through the spirit of my mother, Lord  
The crown was handed down!

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