

Joni Mitchell

"Shine"

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Oh, let your little light shine
Let your little light shine

Shine on Vegas and Wall Street
Place your bets
Shine on all the fishermen
With nothing in their nets

Shine on rising oceans
And evaporating seas
Shine on our Frankenstein
Technologies

Shine on science
With its tunnel vision, tunnel vision
Shine on fertile farmland
Buried under subdivisions

Oh, let your little light shine
Oh, let your little light shine

Shine on the dazzling darkness
That restores us in deep sleep
Shine on what we throw away
And what we keep

Shine on Reverend Pearson
Who threw away the vain old God
And kept Dickens and Rembrandt and Beethoven
And fresh plowed sod

Shine on good earth, good air, good water
And a safe place for kids to play
Shine on bombs exploding
Half a mile away

Oh, let your little light shine
Let your little light shine
Shine, shine

Shine on world wide traffic jams
Honking day and night

Shine on another asshole
Passing on the right

Shine on all the red light runners
Busy talking on their cell phones
Shine on the Catholic Church
And the prisons that it owns

Shine on all the Churches
They all love less and less
Shine on a hopeful girl
In a dreamy dress

Oh, let your little light shine
Shine, shine, shine
Let your little light shine

Shine on good humor
Shine on good will
Shine on lousy leadership
Licensed to kill

Shine on dying soldiers
In patriotic pain
Shine on mass destruction
In some God's name

Shine on the pioneers
Those seekers of mental health
Craving simplicity
They traveled inward

Past themselves
Let their little light shine
May all their little lights shine

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