

## **Kareem Salama**

# **"Rise Up Protectors"**

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They claim the virtues of saints in prayer, but their  
deeds betray their words  
And they can't hide the evil inside with all the fasting  
and prayer in the world  
They level homes where we praise the Lord; they cause  
fear and they cause pain  
They swear they take life in the Name of God, but they  
lie; they take it in their own name

Chorus: Rise up, protectors of this mosque and church  
and synagogue  
And of all the houses where we praise the Name of  
God  
Rise up, protectors of this woman and child and sacred  
life  
And let's be one of the people out there praying for  
some peace tonight

They tell us our faith is a dream and a lie, and they say  
there's no creator of man

But they'll climb the mountain of reason and find us  
there holding reason in the palm of our hand  
And they judge us and command us not to judge and  
they demand that we leave beliefs we hold  
But prayers aren't verdicts and you do believe in the  
Unseen unless you saw the world unfold

Chorus

And I remember the words that were spoken how all the  
earth were fit to pray  
So it hurts to see fields of gold broken or the cold  
crystals melt away  
And all the shrines and the lands and the boundaries  
can't outweigh the weight of the soul  
So we protect the choice and the reason and the  
freedom to live and love and grow old

Chorus

