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Said I've got something to say My dear lady, Dear Rosa, I want to say what's on my mind I 'm writing you a letter With love and hope in every line I try not to think about the pain But how your sacrifice will reign Dear Rosa. Who would believe? So hot and tired What made you decide? That you would rather die Than just stand so someone else could ride And prove that lie again That the color of our skin made us less than other men Dear Rosa. Sit down servant Come on in How long? Will this hate go on? Change our lives and now you're gone Somebody said, and still the cross is burned. Dear Rosa, The spirit will yearn. Sitting down in the front of the bus You made a stand for all of us You didn't move when they called you names You knew that a mind was the hardest thing to change. Living in a line, your freedom denied, After Malcolm, Martin and John gave their life. Dear Rosa. It's so hard not to cry Dear Rosa, You didn't live to see the day we talked to one another Regardless of the color of our skin Or the gods we believed in When I look around and see people filled with pain Dear Rosa, How did you keep your faith? Yes, tell me How long, will this go on? You changed our lives

Now your gone away, goneeeeeee Somebody says, and still the cross is burned. Dear Rosa, The spirit will yearn. Chorus: (Background) Dear Rosa, Oh we miss you yes, yes we do Uh huh, oh the trials and troubles Regardless of the right things to do Rosa. What a wonderful woman? I am so glad Rosa, you sat down. Chorus: (Background) Rosa, tell will we ever ride Where would I be, Rosa if you did not believe Keep the memory; you've been a blessing to me I want the world to sing, oh Chorus: (Background) Rosa oh, you have been good to me Change our lives Oh the pride that I feel and I know that it's real Somebody say, hey hey Dear Rosa, You sat on down I'll keep saying it Yes you did Tell me somebody Dear Rosa (repeat 6X's)

Chorus: Rosa, I don't know where I'd be, but I know yes indeed. Change our lives, and the pride that I feel, yes I know that it's real. Somebody say, Dear Rosa,

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