

Lila Downs

"Truth, Nothing But The Truth"

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What are the open plans but land to roam and cultivate,
reciprocate trade and share,
to give and to take,
to respect the indian way?

I will no longer cry,
for what has passed is gone
like a memory that floats in the air,
the song of an eagle feather
climbing in the wind
on a hot summer day
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I've seen eyes they were crying sadly,
fists ready for the blow,
seen turbulent skies above me,
butterflies in the snow,
saw a war in a mask and a costume,
in a jungle of leaders to blame,
seen power in the hands of the wrong men.
Will it always be just the same?

Seen boys cross illegal borders,
risk a life to wash a dish,
seen money disguised as the answer.
Is that your only wish?
Saw a mother's smile so hopeful,
seen a man who treasures life,
as a woman now able to choose
from a strength that I need to survive.

Truth, nothing but the truth,
watch you coming today, watch you coming today.
The things you say when you give and you take when
you take
and you take and you take.
The truth, nothing but the truth,
in the name of nature
the choices we make.
Is it only me is it only you
are we only living for today?

Maybe today will be my day,
before it's over
I'll make a change.
Maybe today will be my day,
before it's over
I'll have my say.

Na nana nananananana na nana nanananana (twice)

May the walls on the road be witnesses of the needs of
your ticking heart,
the words that you love be spoken
at your table and when you part,
may your long line of family members be proud of who
you've become,
may your hands and your soul remind you every day
that you are around.
May the house that is always clean
be the home to the ones in need,
may the dirt on the soles of your boots make a track of
the good will you leave,
may the words that were used to divide float away far
away out of sight,
and the mountain we still must climb be the one we will
climb to unite.

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