## Faith Evans F/ Mary J. Blige, LaTonya Blige, Gordo ''Rise''

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Speak upon an issue strain your brain tissue But you don't raise your voice 'cause you're afraid someone will diss vou

Words are needing saying so you'd better say them quick

'Cause second lady Tipper's gonna zip a fucking lip

And what are you going to do when Uncle Scam has got your tongue-tied

I don't waste a word 'cause I know well that more than one died

To get across the thought the point the words we take for granted

But you live in the U.S. Tianamen Square's another planet

Injustice anywhere threatens my security 'Cause I'm no shining example of a racial purity Mr. David Duke is not a fluke or threat or promise He's a mighty voting block to keep the real humans honest

You've got to get up stand up be conscious every day Cast your vote in the ballots plus the dollars that you pay

If St. Ids's supplies the sorrow then it's time to get wise Cast out the bottle open your eyes and rise

## Rise

From the center of my being I'm seeing a growing movement In my youth I was seeking truth where as now a social improvement Generation X has got to flex on politicians When they're on a power mission and money makes their decisions

Hypocrisy has got to be the root of this democracy It'd mean a lot to me to see a Mabon lobotomy All discrimination contradicts our father's nation Give us your sick and tired and hungry unless they're sick and tired and Haitian

Because we hate them foreigners and imports but then again

We never seemed too fond of our own Native Americans

Ethnic cleansing we say is something we're against But it's called domestic policy on this side of the fence

We're willing to step in and get in and push Iraqis off of you

It's just too bad they've got no oil out in Bosnia We're willing to make a move but it depends on who's attacking you

'Cause damn we still have a lot of money tied up in South Africa

I'd look in the paper but I can't see through all the smoke

Everyone's complaining but not registered to vote It takes a lot of effort in the nineties to survive Give it up for revolution if you can't compromise

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