

## Dare to Dream

We are gathered here today  
to bear witness,  
to bear witness to the union  
of two beautiful people  
Yes, today is the day that we merge  
who you are  
with who you want to be,  
making the vision  
and the reality – one  
An integration  
born of communication  
and made tangible  
by your commitment to yourself

Now, I know some of you might be afraid  
but don't let cold feet  
stop you from jumping the broom,  
from taking the first step,  
from beginning a journey  
that will transform your life

Yes, I know some of you might be afraid,  
But you see, it's my job  
- to show you that better days are coming

Yes, it's my job  
- to be Harriet Tubmen like  
with my movements and verse  
So if I have to steal a way  
just for us to make a way, well then Star  
I'll be the first one with his hand in the cookie-jar  
of self-advocacy,  
I'll use these sticky fingers  
to pick-pocket the pocket of  
self-determination,  
    And if I got to grand-theft-auto  
    the Mercedes-Benz  
    of a quality-education,  
then they might as well leave the doors unlocked  
and the keys in the ignition  
'cause I'm gone in 60 seconds  
and aint' NOTHING, and I mean NOTHING  
standing in my way  
You see, it's my job  
to unlock doors

unshackle minds  
break through glass ceilings  
motivate, inspire, and challenge you,  
-I'm here to challenge you

And so I dare you,  
- I dare you to sit in your seat  
and not feel moved  
by the testimonies of these brave souls,  
who come before you as examples of excellence

I dare you,  
- I dare you to look in the mirror  
without imagining,  
see yourself as yourself  
A diamond, that might need a little polishing,  
but whose beauty has always existed

I dare you,  
- I dare you to step,  
bounce, and move to your own rhythm  
excite minds  
in time  
we'll redefine the system  
I write lines  
designed to embrace and kiss,  
plus supercharge like imports strapped with nitrous,  
this is a revolution  
a fight for inclusion  
segregation is no solution  
Brown vs. Ed is how I'm provin'  
we deserve the best  
nothin' more and nothin' less,  
every child gets left behind  
when all we focus on are tests

And so I dare you,  
- To judge yourselves by a different standard,  
to lift as you climb,  
to fight like gladiators  
to become master and commander  
of your own beautiful minds

But above all else,  
I dare you to dream – dare to dream y'all