

RAISING REVOLUTION (2015) – Closing Song

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Verse 1 + 2 – The System Is Not Broken / This Changes Everything

(Jamaias group)

the System seems to most, like it May be really broke
if you Analyze from all the sides, it's Really quite a joke

or Is it? Are you sure it's Just badly built?
cuz some might say, nation way has exactly the right tilt

it Feels like there's a king, Counting out his money and we're
All just the queen, Eatin' bread and honey

In some obscure tower, where our Voices can't be heard while the
upper crust ignores us, it's All just so absurd

Indigenous peeps being snatched for some school?
Mista Harpa yo apology ain't make you less a ghoull!

Inequality seems the policy to be, NOT
Equity or honesty that's all mythology.

(Mercedes group)

but it Don't stop there as we devastate our planet we be
Taken big bites like we eatin pomegranate

Drilling down for oil, making Pipelines on the land
fossil Fuel is still the game, and That's now outta hand

Methane in the air, pollution run amock, we're all
Choking in our homes so corporations make a buck

Yes there's tons of causes, that Need us all to act
but None of them will matter if our planet gets whacked

it's All a bad idea, like a finger in a socket
them Dudes are killin us, just for Cash in they pocket

So look, as a people - where's the helping hand?
Maybe, just maybe, it's time to take a stand

CHORUS

Change how we feel
Doubt, what we see
I need to be my own
Evolutionary
Revolutionary me

Change what we know
Do we, have a choice
I need to be my own
Evolutionary
Revolutionary voice

Verse 3 + 4 – Majority Rules / My Privilege

(David's group)

Ever stop and think about Who decides our fate, I mean
In the government there are Those who dic-tate

to All of us, you and me, your father mother brotha
deciders of our daily lives are really small in numba

They're so very clever as they Drive us to the hills
getting Rid of immigrants is the plan of these new bills

C fifty-one and twenty-four were made to insist
that If you dare protest, then You're a terrorist

The message that it sends from the upper puppeteer
your a second class citizen you weren't born here

Such a travesty that the Will of the minority
determines all the rights of the Often poor majority

(Seanna's group)

How many-of-you ever consider what you gots
and How much of it comes from the have nots

European Christians, born into their richs while the
Rest of the planet is stuck digging ditches

Crazy pseudo activists matching dress n heels
making sure they look fly, while they saving seals

if I cover up eyes I don't really have to see
all this awesome privilege afforded to me

Systematic bias favors some just like the vulture
unconscious entitlement becomes the dominant culture

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Verse 5 + 6 – Black Lives / I, Revolutionary

(Jermaine's group)

MLK once said "there are difficult times ahead"
little did he know how much our hearts and minds he fed

The race conversation makes us feel a little smaller
But don't assume a man is bad from his skin color

There's hunger in the street that is hard to defeat
Many steal for sport, but more steal to eat

Now violence seems the norm in all TV's black sectors
but gunned down in the streets by our very own protectors?

Eric Garner's death, ruled a homicide
Officer goes free, indictment pushed aside

Trayvon Martin shot to death, Zimmerman acquitted? Yo,
how many more before jumpsuits are fitted!?

(Ayesha's group)

Corrupt judicial systems, means no equality
banality on brutality is like a policy

But it don't stop there, no shortage of the damned
gay or weird or trans or fat, you'll likely get slammed

Treating everyone the same could become our new savior in the
hopes that in the future, it's our new behavior

But really where's it start? To change us all so deeply
it's all about choice and that doesn't come cheaply

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