

# People Have the Power

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I was dreaming in my dreaming  
of an aspect bright and fair  
and my sleeping it was broken  
but my dream it lingered near  
in the form of shining valleys  
where the pure air recognized  
and my senses newly opened  
I awakened to the cry  
that the people have the power  
to redeem the work of fools  
upon the meek the graces shower  
it's decreed the people rule  
The people have the power  
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Vengeful aspects became suspect  
and bending low as if to hear  
and the armies ceased advancing  
because the people had their ear  
and the shepherds and the soldiers  
lay beneath the stars  
exchanging visions  
and laying arms  
to waste in the dust  
in the form of shining valleys  
where the pure air recognized  
and my senses newly opened  
I awakened to the cry  
The people have the power  
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The people have the power  
Where there were deserts  
I saw fountains  
like cream the waters rise  
and we strolled there together  
with none to laugh or criticize  
and the leopard  
and the lamb  
lay together truly bound

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I was hoping in my hoping  
to recall what I had found  
I was dreaming in my dreaming  
god knows a purer view  
as I surrender to my sleeping  
I commit my dream to you

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The people have the power  
The power to dream, to rule  
to wrestle the world from fools  
it's decreed the people rule  
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Listen

I believe everything we dream  
can come to pass through our union  
we can turn the world around  
we can turn the earth's revolution  
we have the power

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