

## **MERCY**

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### **VERSE**

I am Amani, raised on the cattle lands  
On the shifting sands, by the blaze of the  
battle lands  
My marriage was arranged in exchange for a  
dowry of cows  
In the face of my daughter lies a trace of her  
father's eyes  
Erased from our lives by the cries of the war  
No more can we be sure of our ancient vows

Wives and widows count the miles  
We wind along the Mother Nile  
Ragged sandals wearing thin  
Jagged edges digging in  
Step by step, stone by stone  
We finally reach our home  
And I see my daughter smile

### **CHORUS**

Mercy, we are not forsaken  
Mercy, we are the sisters of all nations  
Mercy, beyond the devastation  
With education and imagination  
Sisters, we are the sparks of new creation

### **VERSE**

I am Cristella, dream of the mountainside  
Where Haiti's heroes gleamed with freedom's  
pride  
Yet we hide a troubled side to the story  
Hurricane harvest, farm kids sent to the city  
Strangers took me in with harmless words so  
pretty  
They saved the day, they paved the way,  
then they made me their slave

Dusting, washing, cooking, sweeping  
Racing to escape a beating  
Fetching the family's water, dressing their  
son and daughter

I spoke when spoken to  
My spirit nearly broke in two  
But I hoped and I prayed for the day I'd find

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### **BRIDGE**

Rise to the rhythm  
Rise to the rhythm  
Rise to the rhythm, Mercy  
Rise to the rhythm (Rise to the rhythm)  
Rise to the rhythm, Mercy  
Rise to the rhythm (Rise to the rhythm)  
Rise to the rhythm, Mercy  
Rise to the rhythm (Rise to the rhythm)  
Rise to the rhythm, Mercy  
Rise to the rhythm

When you share your gift

You will find you're lifted higher

When you heed the call

Stand with one and all

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Mercy, beyond the devastation  
Through education  
Imagination  
Innovation  
Collaboration  
Dedication  
Inspiration  
Sisters, sisters, sisters  
We are the sparks of new creation