**SHOUT DOWN THE SILENCE**

**INTRO**

I have a dream, that my four little children, will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character, I have a dream today” (Martin Luther King Jr. 1963)

**VERSE**

Empty streets we used to own

Now slick with blood and sun bleached bones

That rotting stench is love decaying

Tight knit threads now fraying

Glimmer of hope that sparked the fire

Fuelled by hate those flames burn higher

Turn my back this city dies

Life support I don’t know why

I don’t know why

**CHORUS**

Wait for the rain to wash us clean

Innocence falls, drowned out by the screams

A million voices unite as one

Oh my god what have we become.

**VERSE**

Desperate times, we never thought

Desperate measures would be called

A city held on by a thread

No one’s left to count the dead

Abandoned homes, abandoned hope

The devil’s squire in a golden cloak

Gutters filled with broken dreams

A city ripped apart at its seams

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**SOLO**

**VOICE OVER**

“Let us never negotiate out of fear. My fellow citizens of the world ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man” (John F Kennedy 1961).

“Mr Gorbachev tear down this wall”. (Ronald Reagan 1987)

**BRIDGE**

Break down the barriers, tear down these walls

United in spirit, like the ones gone before

Shout down the silence, take up the call

The moment has come to light a beacon for all

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