

People Have The Power by Patti Smith

Background vocals in italics

[Intro] 2 bars drums only, 2 bars bass only D G D G

[Verse 1] Start with drums and bass only

D G D G

I was dreaming... in my dreaming... of an aspect... bright and fair...

oooooooooooooooooooo-oooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo

D G D G

And my sleeping... it was broken... but my dream it... lingered near...

oooooooooooooooooooo-oooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo

Add light guitar

D G D G

In the form of... shining valleys... where the pure air... recognized...

oooo-oooo-oooo oo-oo ooooo-oooo-oooo oo-oo

D G D G

And my senses... newly opened... I awakened... to the cry

oooo-oooo-oooo oo-oo ooooo-oooo-oooo oo-oo

More guitar

F#m Bm

That the people... have the power

That the people... have the power

D E

To redeem... the work of fools

To redeem... the work of fools

F#m Bm

Upon the meek... the graces shower.

Upon the meek... the graces shower

Bm A

It's decreed:... The people rule!

It's decreed the people rule!

[Chorus] D G D A D G

The people have the power! The people have the power! The people have the power!

D A

The people have the power!

The people have the People have power!

[Verse 2] Start with drums and bass only

D **G** **D** **G**
Vengeful aspects... became suspect... bending low as... if to hear
Ah! ah! ah! ah-oooo-oo *Ah! ah! ah! ah-oooo-oo*

D **G** **D** **G**
And the armies... ceased advancing... because the people... had their ear
Ah! ah! ah! ah-oooo-oo *Ah! ah!*
ah! ah-oooo-oo

Add light guitar

D **G** **D** **G**
And the shepherds... and the soldiers... lay beneath the... beneath the stars
People have power *People have power*

D **G** **D** **G**
Exchanging visions... and laying arms... to waste... in the dust
People have power *People have power*

More guitar

F#m **Bm**
In the form of... shining valleys
In the form of... *shining valleys*

D **E**
Where the pure air... recognized
Where the pure air... *recognized*

F#m **Bm**
And my senses... newly opened
And my senses... *newly opened*

Bm **A**
I awakened... to the cry
I awakened to the cry

[Repeat Chorus]

[Verse 3] D G D G
Where there were deserts... I saw fountains... Like cream... the waters rise
 Ah-ah-ah Ah-ah-ah Ah-ah-ah Ah-ah-ah

 D G D G
And we strolled there... together... None to laugh or... criticize
 Ah-ah-ah Ah-ah-ah Ah-ah-ah Ah-ah-ah

 D G D G
And the leopard... and the lamb... lay together... truly bound
 People have power People have power

 D G D G
I was hoping... in my hoping... to recall what... I had found
 People have power People have power

 F#m Bm
I was dreaming... in my dreaming
 I was dreaming... in my dreaming

 D E
God knows... a purer view
 God knows... a purer view

 F#m Bm Bm A
As I surrender... to my sleeping... I commit... my dream to you
 As I surrender... to my sleeping... I commit my dream to you

[Last Chorus and Ending]

 D G D A D G
The people have the power! The people have the power! The people have the power!
 D A

The people have the power!

 D G D A
The power to dream, the power to rule, the power to wrestle the world from fools
 D G D A

It's decreed: the people rule! It's decreed: the people rule! LISTEN:

 D Bm D A
I believe everything we dream can come to pass through our union

 D G D A
We can turn the world around! We can turn the world around!

 D G D A
We have the power! YOU - HAVE - the power!

 D G D A D
WE - HAVE - the power! The people have the power! The people have the power!