

# People Have The Power by Patti Smith

*Background vocals in italics*

**[Intro] 2 bars drums only, 2 bars bass only E A E A**

**[Verse 1] Start with drums and bass only**

**E A E A**

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

*oooooooooooooooooooo-oooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo*

**E A E A**

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

*oooooooooooooooooooo-oooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo*

**Add light guitar**

**E A E A**

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

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

**E A E A**

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

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

**More guitar**

**G#m C#m**

That the people... have the power

*That the people... have the power*

**E F#**

To redeem... the work of fools

*To redeem... the work of fools*

**G#m C#m**

Upon the meek... the graces shower.

*Upon the meek... the graces shower*

**C#m B**

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

*It's decreed the people rule!*

**[Chorus] E A E B E A**

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

**E B**

The people have the power!

*The people have the People have power!*

**[Verse 2] Start with drums and bass only**

**E A E A**

Vengeful aspects... became suspect... bending low as... if to hear

*Ah! ah! ah! ah-oooo-oo Ah! ah! ah! ah-oooo-oo*

**E A E A**

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***

**E A E A**

And the shepherds... and the soldiers... lay beneath the... beneath the stars

*People have power People have power*

**E A E A**

Exchanging visions... and laying arms... to waste... in the dust

*People have power People have power*

***More guitar***

**G#m C#m**

In the form of... shining valleys

*In the form of... shining valleys*

**E F#**

Where the pure air... recognized

*Where the pure air... recognized*

**G#m C#m**

And my senses... newly opened

*And my senses... newly opened*

**C#m B**

I awakened... to the cry

*I awakened to the cry*

**[Repeat Chorus]**

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

          E                    A                    E                    A  
And we strolled there... together... None to laugh or... criticize  
                         Ah-ah-ah      Ah-ah-ah            Ah-ah-ah            Ah-ah-ah

          E                    A                    E                    A  
And the leopard... and the lamb... lay together... truly bound  
                         People have power      People have power

          E                    A                    E                    A  
I was hoping... in my hoping... to recall what... I had found  
                         People have power      People have power

          G#m                    C#m  
I was dreaming...                    in my dreaming  
                         I was dreaming...                    in my dreaming

          E                    F#  
God knows...                    a purer view  
                         God knows...                    a purer view

          G#m                    C#m                    C#m                    B  
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]

          E            A                    E            B                    E            A  
The people have the power! The people have the power! The people have the power!

          E            B  
The people have the power!

          E                    A                    E                    B  
The power to dream, the power to rule, the power to wrestle the world from fools

          E                    A                    E                    B  
It's decreed: the people rule! It's decreed: the people rule! LISTEN:

          E                    C#m                    E                    B  
I believe everything we dream can come to pass through our union

          E                    A                    E                    B  
We can turn the world around! We can turn the world around!

          E            A                    E            B  
We have the power! YOU - HAVE - the power!

          E            A                    E            B                    E  
WE - HAVE - the power! The people have the power! The people have the power!