

TR#1

"You Don't Own My Voice."

Say my name — say it right!
We won't disappear tonight!
Won't you lie — truth remains!
You don't write our names!

Verse 1

Streetlights flicker on a midnight file
Cold blue ink and a crooked smile
Badge on your chest but the truth's on trial
You twist my words just to watch me bleed
You laugh when you say the wrong name again
Like power is a joke you tell your friends
Every lie you write with that pen
Is a wound you hope the world won't read

Verse 2

You said, "Give me the name you had before"
Like digging ghosts up from the floor
Like who I am is something you store
In a box marked "evidence"
You kept demanding it again and again
Like dignity bends to the weight of your pen
But the name you're chasing isn't who I've been
For longer than you'll understand

Pre-Chorus

*You write it down wrong like the truth's a crime
But identity isn't yours to define*

Chorus

You don't write my name
You don't own my voice
You don't get to bury truth beneath your noise
You can try your shame
Try your little games
But I'm still standing here the same
The thin blue line you claim
Was never meant for hate
Not a sword for the powerless
Not a shield from fate
And the louder you lie
The more the truth will rise
You don't write my name tonight

Verse 3

I've heard the stories whispered low
From people you'll never know
Who learned too early not to show
Their fear when uniforms appear
The *gay kid* walking home at night
The *trans girl* under flashing lights
You treat our lives like they're a fight
You came prepared to win

Spoken Word Bridge

*You thought the badge meant silence.
You thought if you wrote the wrong name down long enough
the truth would disappear.
You thought humiliation was procedure.
Demand the deadname.
Write it in the report.
Laugh when we correct you.
But listen carefully.
There are thousands of us
who have lived through that moment.
The queer kid you cornered.
The trans woman you tried to erase.
The voices you thought would stay quiet.
The thin blue line was never meant to be a sword
pointed at the vulnerable.
And it was never meant to be a shield
from accountability.
Power without justice rots.
And the day is coming
when the bigotry hiding inside those uniforms
won't survive the light.*

Say my name — say it right!
We won't disappear tonight!
Badges lie — truth remains!
You don't write our names!

Final Chorus

You don't write my name
You don't own my voice
You don't get to bury truth beneath your noise
You can try your shame
Try your little games
But I'm stronger than the lies you frame
The thin blue line you claim
Won't hide the truth we state
Not a sword for the powerless
Not a shield from fate
And the louder you lie
The more the truth will rise

*You don't write my name.
You don't write my name.*

TR#2

“Still Here Anyway”

Verse 1

They shout from podiums and glowing screens
Turning fear into machines
Calling truth a threat again
Trying hard to erase our names

Pre-Chorus

*They thought the tide would turn against us
Thought the storm would wash us away*

Chorus

You can rise like a thousand waves
Crash your anger on my face
But cliffs are carved by time and grace
And I'm still here anyway

You chipped away at who I am
Tried to grind me down to sand
But all you made was coastline
And I'm still here anyway

Bridge

*You carved at my edges
But you never broke the stone
Every wave that tried to claim me
Only shaped the strength I own*

Verse 2

The sun climbs over open water
Every dawn rewrites the story
You tried to end

Chorus

You can rise like a thousand waves
Crash your anger on my face
But cliffs are carved by time and grace
And I'm still here anyway

You chipped away at who I am
Tried to grind me down to sand
But all you made was coastline
And I'm still here anyway

TR#3

*“Learning My Own Name”***Verse 1**

I was a quiet kid in a crowded room
Trying to breathe where the truth had no room
Every mirror felt like borrowed skin
Every prayer said “*don’t let them in*”
They said love would never walk away
But love had rules I had to obey
The moment my truth began to show
The doors that were open started closing slow

Pre-Chorus

*Fourteen years of walking alone
Fourteen years of a heart unknown*

Chorus

*Fourteen years of knocking on closed doors
Fourteen years of silent wars
Everyone said I should stay the same
But they never knew my name
Somewhere deep in the fear and the blame
A spark lit up inside the flame
Every step through the pain
I was learning my own name*

Verse 2

Friends would laugh but they couldn’t see
The storm that followed everywhere with me
They didn’t walk when the road turned steep
Didn’t stay when the nights ran deep
Some scars fade and some remain
Some still whisper inside my brain
Old wounds I still scratch in the night
Just to remind me I survived the fight

Pre-Chorus

*Fourteen years of being erased
Fourteen years without a place*

Chorus

*Fourteen years of knocking on closed doors
Fourteen years of silent wars
Everyone said I should stay the same
But they never knew my name
Somewhere deep in the fear and the blame
A spark lit up inside the flame
Every step through the pain
I was learning my own name*

Bridge

*They tried to write my story
Before I learned to read
Tried to tell me who to be
And what I was allowed to need
But somewhere in the silence
Under years of fear and shame
A voice kept whispering softly
“Someday you’ll say your name.”*

*And when that moment came
The world would never be the same*

Final Chorus

*Fourteen years but I broke the chain
Fourteen years just to claim my name
The world can whisper, shout, or shame
But none of that will make me change
Through the fear, through the flame
Through the scars that still remain
Every step I take the same
I’m still learning my own name*

*Still learning my name
Still learning my name*

TR#4

"Fire in Our Voices"

Fire in our Voices

Verse 1

They say my name like it's not mine
I learned to answer anyway
Somewhere just outside the picture
There's a girl they couldn't name
Mirrors never told the story
I was trying hard to see
So I wrote *her* in the margins
Left a space for *her* to be

Pre-Chorus

*They say I'll understand when I'm older
That it all will fall in line
But I feel her getting closer
Every time I close my eyes*

Chorus

They say I'll understand when I'm older
Say it like I don't know who I am
They say I'll understand when I'm older
But I understand more than they can

Verse 2

Wedding morning, lace and laughter
Mama helping with my hair
Light comes pouring through the window
Like it knows I'm finally there
Father takes my hand and smiles
Says he's proud of who I am
Every step feels like a promise
Every breath a second chance
Little feet across the floor
Tiny hands reaching for mine
Years go fading into silver
We grow old and we're still fine

Chorus

They say I'll understand when I'm older
Say it like I don't know who I am
They say I'll understand when I'm older
But I understand more than they can

Bridge

Attendance — hesitation
Wrong name on the page
"Boys to this side"
I don't move
I heard you in the kitchen
"I'll grow out of it"
Like I wasn't there
Like I don't exist
So I write a little further
Every year I couldn't say
Just to prove there's something waiting
Just to keep *her* from fading

Final Chorus

They say I'll understand when I'm older
Say it like I don't know who I am
They say I'll understand when I'm older
But I understand more than they can

I understand

I understand

More than they can

Outro

*She turns the page, the writing changes
Ink goes faint along the lines
Dates just stop in early autumn
No goodbyes, no warning signs
Wedding mornings, borrowed dresses
Growing old in silver light
All the lives you left here waiting
Just beyond our line of sight
She traces every word you wrote
Like it might still lead somewhere
I didn't know you saw that far
I didn't know you were already there*

TR#5

"Louder Than Fear"

Verse 1

You looked at me
But never saw me
Like I was made
To disappear
Then someone said my name
And stopped the clock
No more midnight
No more fear

Pre-Chorus

You don't get to tell me
Who I am
You don't get to hold me
In your hands

Chorus

Nothing will dim my light
Nothing will dim my light
I carried the ember
Through the longest night
My joy became the dawn
My joy became the dawn
You can call it what you want
I'm louder than fear now

Verse 2

You wanted me smaller
Quieter, easier to break
Something you could swallow
Something you could take
But I won't give you cruelty
I won't let you take my grace
I'll wear these scars like seams of gold
And still look you in the face

Pre-Chorus

You don't get to tell me
How I heal
You don't get to tell me
What is real

Chorus

Nothing will dim my light
Nothing will dim my light
I carried the ember
Through the longest night
My joy became the dawn
My joy became the dawn
You can call it what you want
I'm louder than fear now

Bridge

I know what it is
To live *half-lit*
To shrink yourself
So others fit
I know what it costs
To stay that small
So if I choose joy now
It's not *naïve* at all
It's because I made it here

Still soft
Still bright
Still here

Final Chorus

Nothing will dim my light
Nothing will dim my light
I carried the ember
Through the longest night
My joy became the dawn
My joy became the dawn
You don't get to choose who I become
I'm louder than fear now

Outro

Nothing will dim my light.