

STAND DOWN & STAND BY

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My people my people
Stand down and stand by
Stand down from your hatred
Stand right by my side
Stand down from your fear
Stand down from your greed
Stand by for all people
all people of need
My people my people
Your power is death
Your power and privilege take away breath
IT'S TIME TO STAND DOWN
IT'S TIME TO STAND BY
Right next to the ones
standing up for their lives

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