## Violet!

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Violet

Streaks of earth matted in her hair Beaten down, but she won't scare Blinks her eyes, battered green and blue Ignorance can leave an awful bruise

So get up!
Get up!
Come on and get up, Violet!

Blade of grass in her aching fist Sets her jaw, no she won't quit She'll take the fight to streets and avenues A little dirt can make a flower bloom