

# So Many People

Pete Rock

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So many people seek her, me especially  
The H.E.R. I'm talkin' 'bout right now is Destiny  
She and I was 'posed to meet to chop it up  
I wanted to ask her in like but I was gettin' stuck  
Many times, she said some of that was in my mind  
And grind plus the right time equals divine  
Ask if I would see a sign where I'm supposed to be  
She said, "Just be free and get close to me  
Destiny, to get dough, you've got the recipe  
And I'm Anita Baker, giving you the best of me"  
I got to a spot where I didn't know if you were true  
With so many voices, how do I know when it's you?  
She said, "I met you, boy, when you was ten years old  
That rap that I gave you was a part of your soul  
Any time you feel that, know that it's gold  
Stick with me and your story will forever be told  
By many people"

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Some people live by her, some ignore her  
Her name is Faith, I always loved the aura  
The more I got to know her I became like Noah  
The ark of my life, a prover and shower  
She showed up for me in the darkest times  
Conversations with her would spark my mind  
My heart would find reasons that I needed her  
She saw a future in me, reputation preceded her  
Eager to be with her, my soul would leap for her  
I lost love once, but still kept keepin' her  
My miseducation was the doubtin' in me  
Through valleys and Lauryn Hill, she moved mountains for me  
The times I was broke, she was countin' for me  
Money I would make rappin' over breaks  
A Faith like Evans or light from the heavens  
Her personality pleasant, still use her like a weapon  
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Some people see her for the future, some see her for now  
Her name is Hope, she first spoke to me as a child  
I would listen, I could see the glisten in her eyes  
Her wisdom, it was wise, she envisioned I would rise  
Under Chi' city skies, she said I'd become king  
She sat by my side and reminded me to dream

Through schemes or rhymes, a queen sublime  
The gates of heaven on Earth, yeah, we would climb  
Though it seemed at times I would lose her  
To get her back, like The Mack, I had to choose her  
Dues of life, strife, struggle to survive  
She ran with Jesse and them, they kept Hope alive  
She spoke in the eyes of the first black president  
He would bring her around the Southside residents  
Medicine for the masses seen through Hope's glasses  
I pray that Destiny, Faith and Hope everlastin' for people

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You are the very people of God  
You do have a responsibility to wake up, clean up, and stand up