

# HAPPIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD

FOR MALALA

MUSIC & LYRICS BY SHEILA ATIM

When I was younger  
My daddy told me that I'd be the  
Happiest girl in the world  
When I was small  
Before I got tall I said I'd be the  
Happiest girl in the world  
When I was dreaming  
I started believing that I'd be the  
Happiest girl in the world  
In the world, in the world

And I can still be  
What my mother taught me  
And I can still grow  
Past the sky to places you don't know

When she was learning  
To take her first steps she was burning to  
Know more and go for the gold  
When she was older  
She lifted that boulder on her shoulder and  
Threw it up high till it rolled  
Downhill, through mountains until  
It flew down so fast that you  
Just couldn't stop it and  
When it caught fire it blazed  
The flames getting higher and rising  
Like phoenix to sky

She wasn't done there  
She had more to give  
More to share, she was  
Growing past what they saw  
What they thought she had  
She broke through that  
Ceiling and left all the  
Broken glass on the floor  
And then, she looked to her friends  
And saw them all standing beside her  
And they could all be  
What their mother's eyes see

And they can still grow  
Past the sky  
To places you don't know  
Oh, forgive me  
But I won't sit back and wait  
And I'll forgive you  
When you try to hold us behind you  
Soon you'll understand  
That she is taking light in her own hands  
Soon you'll understand  
That she is bending the rules and making  
plans  
Soon she will demand  
That she should do just like you  
Like anyone can  
Let us be  
Let us be the happiest girls in the world  
Happiest girls in the world  
Happiest girls in the world