

And if I fail

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And if I fail, let me fail honourably
And if I fail, let it be with honour
For my light, I will lift high, though the storm be boisterous
Though my hands break, my phalanges will not stop to hold
With my spirit, I will shield the light, for I am determined to hold the shine
And if my light stops to shine, tell them to weep not
For I found solace in the fact that I continued to hold till the last flicker was extinguished.
Tell them that I held the light even when my hands were breaking
Tell them, that even when all hope had died I held the shine
For I am a soldier, and a soldier does not fail
I did not move with cowardice, for I knew the challenge

I stepped forward with conviction
For never could I think twice I pressed the button, many were afraid of
I had to believe in myself, for I knew no one could
My sleep is that of honour, make them understand that.

Let them know that I failed like a soldier in the heat of the battle
Tell them to save their tears, for I failed honourably
For I failed after I had tried everything I could
And even when I could not try I hoped
Tell them that I am a king who lost a fight

My sleep is that of honour, make them understand that
Tell them if they should fail, let it be after they have tried
Assure them that it is cool to try, do not shame them
Tell them that if they should fail, let it be that they never listened to them
They only criticize, whilst living in fear
But them, should walk and lead the pack

Yes, the pioneers, the ones that change the narrative, know no fear
My sleep is of honour, make them understand that
Tell them that should they fail, let it be that they learnt everything
Let it be that they explored the mountains and the valleys
And never left no stone untouched

Tell them that should they fail, let it be that they did not let their fears stop them
Make them understand, the way to carry their failures with nobility and honour
For even when they failed, they tried.
Warn them not to admire them
For those who never fail never try
My sleep is of honour, make them understand that.