



SCHOOL ANTHEM

VERSE 1

We came with dreams that no one could see,
With hope in our hearts and a destiny.
Some came with little, some came with pain,
Some walked through darkness, through loss and rain.

But here we stand, with dreams alive,
Learning to fall, learning to rise.
No matter where our journey began,
We know that together, we can.

CHORUS

We shall rise, we shall rise,
Like the morning sun across the skies.
We shall learn, we shall dream,
We shall build a world beyond what seems.
With our hands, with our hearts,
We will make a brand-new start.
ADA, our light will shine,
Your future, my future, our future is mine.

VERSE 2

Education is more than a classroom,
It is a light that breaks the gloom.
It gives the powerless a voice to speak,
It gives the fallen strength to seek.

We are not defined by where we came,
Nor by our struggles, nor by our name.
A greater story is ours to write,
A better tomorrow is ours to ignite.

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VERSE 3

Africa, our mother, calls our name,
Not for pity, but for change.
Her children carry dreams inside,
Waiting for a door to open wide.

We will create, we will serve,
We will give the future what it deserves.
Through knowledge, technology and skill,
We will build with courage, heart and will.

BRIDGE — SOFTLY

When one is hurting, let us care.
When one is falling, let us be there.
When one has lost the strength to try,
Let us remind them they can fly.

No dream is too small.
No child is forgotten.
No life is without purpose.
No future is already written.

BUILD-UP

We are the hands that will build.
We are the minds that will create.
We are the hearts that will serve.
We are the generation that will change tomorrow.

FINAL CHORUS — POWERFUL

WE SHALL RISE! WE SHALL RISE!
With courage burning in our eyes!
WE SHALL LEARN! WE SHALL DREAM!
WE SHALL BUILD THE WORLD WE'VE SEEN!

From the village to the city,
From the classroom to the world,
Every dream, every voice,
Every life has a choice.

ADA, we rise together!
ADA, we shine forever!
Knowledge in our minds,
Love within our hearts,
Africa in our hands—
And the future in our sight!

FINAL — SLOWLY, TOGETHER

We are not only students.
We are not only dreamers.
We are builders.
We are leaders.
We are the hope of tomorrow.

**African Development Academy—
Where knowledge becomes purpose,
Purpose becomes action,
And action changes lives.**

ALL

**ADA! — WE SHALL RISE!
ADA! — WE SHALL SERVE!
ADA! — WE SHALL BUILD!
ADA! — WE SHALL CHANGE THE WORLD!**

SHORTER VERSION

OFFICIAL SCHOOL ANTHEM

VERSE

We rise with hope, we learn with pride,
With knowledge and courage as our guide.
From Africa, our dreams shall grow,
Through skills and service, forth we go.

CHORUS

ADA, our Academy,
A home of knowledge and unity.
We learn, we lead, we serve, we create,
Building Africa's future, strong and great.

VERSE

With hearts of courage, minds awake,
A brighter world we pledge to make.
Together standing, hand in hand,
We build tomorrow for our land.

FINAL CHORUS

ADA, our Academy,
Our light, our hope, our destiny.
With knowledge, purpose, truth and love,
We rise to reach the world above.

ALL:

ADA! — We Learn. We Lead. We Serve.
ADA! — Building Africa's Future.