

THEY HAD A DREAM

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Part 1: Dream, dream, they had a dream.

Part 2: Dream, dream, they had a dream, dream.

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All: There once was a lady on a bus in Alabama who wouldn't give up her seat.

Part 1: 'Cause she had a dream. (*Part 2:* She had a dream.)

Yes, she had a dream. (*Part 2:* She had a dream.)

All: Then other folks stopped riding on the bus in Alabama. They walked on tired feet.

Part 1: But they had a dream. (*Part 2:* They had a dream.)

Yes, they had a dream. (*Part 2:* They had a dream.)

All: They dreamed that America could be a place where all folks could be free.

Where people of ev'ry color could all be treated equally.

All: Some young men in Carolina sat down at a counter and asked for something to eat.

Part 1: 'Cause they had a dream. (*Part 2:* They had a dream.)

Yes, they had a dream. (*Part 2:* They had a dream.)

All: And when no one served them, they just kept on sitting, they never missed a beat.

Part 1: 'Cause they had a dream. (*Part 2:* They had a dream.)

Yes, they had a dream. (*Part 2:* They had a dream.)

All: They had a dream that all our children could live in harmony,
And go to school together and work together in a land of liberty.

All: When nine kids from Little Rock went to their classes
There were soldiers in the street.

Part 1: But they had a dream. (*Part 2:* They had a dream.)

Yes, they had a dream. (*Part 2:* They had a dream.)

All: And through all the shouting, they kept on walking,
They knew how to take the heat.

Part 1: 'Cause they had a dream. (*Part 2:* They had a dream.)

Yes, they had a dream. (*Part 2:* They had a dream.)

Part 1: Dream, dream, they had a dream. (*4 times, louder each time*)

Part 2: Dream, dream, they had a dream, dream.

Dream, dream, they had a dream.

All: They had a dream!