

**THE ROCK  
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**E**  
Chorus: It's just a rock  
**B7**  
A lil ol' rock  
**A B7**  
A stepping stone  
**E //**  
A commercial auction block  
**E E7**  
It's just a rock  
**A A7**  
A lil ol' rock  
**E B7//** **E**  
Right in the middle. . . of my hometown

**E**  
They laughed at the nigger stench from the hole  
**B7**  
Of the boat at the Rappahannock dock  
**E E7 A A7**  
We endured vomit, menstrual blood, disease and feces  
**B7 E**  
Living death was dragged to the rock

Gapping wounds where chains had rubbed their ankles raw  
Necks were swollen due to key and lock  
Flies buzzed around ankle-pus running down  
They were shuffled out to the rock

**Chorus**

**They felt up my foremothers vaginas**

**They fondled my forefathers tight buttocks  
Screaming babies pulled from mammas' breasts  
Before she was dragged out to the rock**

**Cold white hands groped at nipples  
They spoke in foreign tongues about their stock  
Probed teeth and ears and nose and toes  
Then whipped 'em out to the rock**

**Chorus**

**Great, great, great grandma was raped by ol' mass  
Raped and raped and raped — no shame, no shocks  
Raped and raped my mother's people when  
They were carried down to Massaponax**

**Some people say this is for history  
Keep that stone and deify ol' massa's cock  
It's like a photo of the rapist in your living room  
Smiling and posing on the rock**

**Chorus**

**They want to cause us pain and hurt us  
PTSD when they turn back the clock  
(But now) I deify my ancestor's strength and love  
My people survived the rock**

**Repeat verse**

**Chorus — slower**