

Roots, The "Clock With No Hands"

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(feat. Mercedes Martinez)

[Black Thought]

Yeah, sitting in the staircase, holding back tears
Looking over mad years worth of photographs
Pictures of some places I ain't never going back
Some people I used to love, why I ain't show them that?
The skies was overcast, when I was sober last
My head is spinning, couldn't tell you if it's slow or fast
It's starting to get too clear, I got to go and grass
To y'all it's a shame but life is what we know it as
Waiting, navigating the plot, without plans
In the car, it's hard to read as a clock with no hands
How your man's goin' get up and stop with no yams
All it take is one break, it could pop the program
Whether sinning or not, my back bending like I'm
sentenced a lot
I feel some brothers is beginning to plot

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It might have been a close friend I forgot
Who started up and ain't remember to stop
I bet these niggaz going remember the shop

[Chorus - Mercedes Martinez]

People think that I'm crazy, just cause I wanna be alone You can't depend on friends to help you in a squeeze We all deal with shit on our own And sometimes the beef can grow, get out of hand Yeah, you know it gets full blown I never said that you mean the world to me Maybe it's best that you never know

Yo, I'm like Malcom out the window with the weapon out Searching for somehow to find a minute or the second now

Precious time is money that I ain't got to mess about Need it from the horse's mouth or from my eye with less account

Lessons with my back to the wall, scoping my session out

Stay a little edgy at times when I ain't stressing bout Haters don't know shit about me, they the ones that talk shit

Those that love me send it out, so I ain't got to force quit

Cause I'm doing better now, don't mean I never lost shit

I was married to a state of mind and I divorced it, man I'm from where brothers moving product from the porches

People locking their doors, clutching to their crosses
The block hot by the law, there ain't too many choices
So what I do is for y'all, there ain't too many voices left
I watch my back, and watch my step
And I might forgive, but I will not forget come on

[Chorus]

Yo, living in turbulent times The blind leading the blind

Some call it evolution, some say intelligent design You say you want a revolution, you out of your mizind Your sons' destitute, and their pops all in the prison My man's back in the jam, he like the back of my hand He just attracted to scam, he right back in the can I never sleepwalking, you dig

You get your shuteye

I'm on the first thing in, I'm leaving on the red-eye My brother back in rehab, just had another relapse But fin himself, it's been like he's been fighting an energy

Half telling me nobody true when they pretend to be that

So closer than friends, that's where I keep my enemy at To many parties concerned, it's time to live it and learn Until we're able to grow, forever bridges we burn My thoughts free as a bird, that's just about to emerge And every action is heard, it speaks louder than words, yo

[Chorus]

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