

## **Roots, The**

### **"Now Or Never"**

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Everything's changing around me  
and I want to change too  
It's one thing I know  
It ain't cool being no fool  
I feel different today  
I don't know what else to say  
But Imma get my shit together  
It's now or never

[Black Thought]

I'm sick, sick of waiting in vain, tired of playing the  
game  
Thinking of making a change, finally breaking the  
chains  
Every phase, every happening ?craze?  
When it's said and done, my head is right back in a  
haze  
I'm ready for the next chapter and page to start acting  
my age  
and part ways with Black Thought from back in the  
days  
I'm stargazing from the back of the stage  
Crushing in the ??york craze it's worthy of praise  
Was the phrase "bygones is bygones"  
Niggas who used to be the underdogs is icons  
People say the light shines once in a lifetime  
Is this mid-life kinda crisis a little bit like mine  
I'm thinking not now, but right now  
I need some kinda sign that the future is bright now  
I fuck around, do the right thing like Spike now  
The quick and the dead, which one is my look-a-like  
now  
I'm moving ahead

[Chorus]

[Phonte]

Yo, opportunities lost because I blew 'em  
On the sunniest days of my life I cry through them  
Mom's out the picture and Pops, I barely knew him  
And I would pray to God but I'm tired of lyin' to him

Tired of trying to run from the things inside of us  
Got a lot of fam, and a lot of admirers  
Who tell me that I should aspire to be changed  
But when I think of changing, it's like why do you try  
this shit  
My mind hazy and my thoughts, they get distorted  
I know my good and bad deeds both get recorded  
You do right so your soul can last  
But my role is cast before I even audition for it  
So I don't really see an end to my vice  
It's just false reformation, no end of my strife  
Feel the evil overpowering, you can go ahead throw the  
towel in  
'Cause nigga, that's the end of the fight  
When you can only see the tunnel at the end of the light  
Like South party, oh that's the end of your life  
and I'm out...

[Chorus]

[Dice Raw]

When I look into the mirror and see my own image  
I feel like there's something else far off in the distance  
Something I wanna see, but something that's resistant  
And everyday the heartin' is growing more persistent  
I never noticed it before, but now I can't miss it  
And the constant pounding is driving me ballistic  
I ran from it for years, but it's still next to me  
And it's growing stronger, takin', leavin' less of me  
I can't fight it now, I know it's just destiny  
And I just wonder what's gonna happen when it catches  
me  
Will it leave me face down in the Chesapeake?  
Or will it just start bringing out the best in me  
But is the best in me really just the worst in me  
And if so, yesterday could be my anniversary  
And sinners court, is it important to have church with  
me  
I'm trying to get rid of these ghosts that's cursing me  
I feeling change is an absolute certainty  
'Cause what's coming on is a state of emergency...

[Chorus/Outro]

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