

## **Talib Kweli % Hi Tek**

### **"This Means You"**

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[Mos] Sometimes, you gotta be direct with the people,  
y'know like..

[T.K] Give it to 'em (c'mon)

[Mos] Yo!

[T.K] Give it to 'em

[Mos] GET, UP, NOW!

[Talib Kweli]

Yo, we keep it type raw, and know exactly what we fight  
for

when the nightfall come, we in the right war

Cats who spill blood for a cause, not just because

Defy the authority and follow God's law

Revolutionary entrepreneurs; who make the fans

clap they hands and stompin the floor not start the  
applause

(Ahhh ssssh! Yeah!) Thank you very much, without  
further adieu

Let me introduce the rest of my crew, Mos Def!

[Mos Def]

Yo, I am the world renowned, verb adjective adverb  
pronoun preposition suffix prefix

Original or remix, sunburst and eclipse

Me and Kwe' combine like strands on a double-helix

My speech seasoned, with dialect of my region

Booga-nam Brooklyn Bed-Stuy Eastern

Where youth and policemen, they nah reach  
agreement

Pressure in the mornin, pressure in the evenin

{\*scratching\* "Mos Def" .. "Kwe'-Kweli" ..

"Hi Tek on the beat!" .. "brothers and sisters"}

Chorus One: BlackStar (Mos Def + Talib Kweli)

You, need, to, get, up, right, now

and, move, with, this, yes, this, means, you

You, you

[Talib Kweli]

Yeahh, alright yeah, alright yeah, alright yeah  
Alright yeah, alright yeah, alright yeah, yeah-ehhhh

Uh, uh, uh, uh, yo, yo, yo  
Things changed since we came out, been some shit in  
New York  
Niggaz stopped gettin jig in New York, bloods and crips  
in New York  
The Y-2-K celebration wasn't big in New York  
Babylon live in New York, should I keep a crib in New  
York  
or just V.I., to handle my B.I.  
When with my A-Alikes we see with three eyes

[Mos Def]  
Yo Kweli I agree I, was thinkin the same thing myself  
Smog in the city ain't no good for your health  
Things changed in New York, type strange in New York  
Forty-Deuce don't look the same in New York  
Just politics, tricks and big games in New York  
Switched trains a writer can't get fame in New York  
Internet and Wall Street got paid in New York  
Poor folks and workin class got slayed in New York  
Even still, everyday they make weight in New York  
Flashlights lookin for a brighter day in New York  
In New York they say it's - red hot  
Will the temperature ease up? Black I guess not  
It's multi-lane traffic, no sign for rest stops  
No corner breaks, put on your gloves and just box  
No dance school to teach you to wop and bus stop  
Better get up in the booth, hop up and just rock  
If you think it's like that, it's not so just stop  
All mankind time runnin down on one watch, just watch

Chorus Two: BlackStar (Mos Def + Talib Kweli)

If, you, are, just, coming, in, I, will  
say it, once, more, so, you, can, hear, cause  
You, need, to, get, up, right, now  
and, move, with, this, yes, this, means, you  
You, you

[Talib Kweli]  
Yo, Mos Def and Talib Kweli bring disaster to the  
industry  
We best-sellin authors writin great chapters in history  
These cats undercover like gay rappers dealin with  
mystery  
My platinum grey matter spray batter that's specifically  
designed to make rappers break faster than eggshells  
in the mornin

Inhaled the divine in that's laid dormant  
Water from the well STAY pourin  
I answer back when I hear fate callin  
Freedom fighter ready to attack at the crack of a new  
day dawnin  
Way more than necessary skills for the application  
My flow is Great like the Lakes and it rocks like  
Applachains  
My facts more than make up for what you lack in  
imagination  
You more confused than Tiger Woods when he made  
up Cabalaysian  
I'm sayin!

[Mos Def]

Break bounds like the jet Concorde  
Win awards before I leave for my (?) world tour  
When they scream encore, that's when they want more  
Flow steadily, whether I'm on or off shore  
High potent, zone coastin, no jokin  
Safecracker sniff gon' keep the joint open  
Peep the focus, high resolution, high reception  
My "Train of Thought" connectin with my bredren from  
Reflection like

Chorus Three: BlackStar (Mos Def + Talib Kweli)

You, need, to, get, up, right, now  
and, move, with, this, yes, this, means, you, again!  
You, need, to, get, up, right, now  
and, move, with, this, yes, this, means, you, we goin  
[M] New York [T] Philly  
[M] Chicago [T] Detroit  
[M] Miami [T] D.C.  
[M] L.A. [T] The world  
[M] London [T] Amsterdam  
[M] Paris [T] Japan  
[M+T] Any place that a human being might stand, we  
go in..

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