

## **Zion I f/ Talib Kweli**

### **"Temperature"**

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[Zion I]

Yeah, yeah, hey  
The cityscape where I stay is gettin hot now  
unemployment is high and buildings is gettin chopped  
down  
gold teeth populating the block  
slurring slang they ignite on the lookout for cops  
make the shots ring out like the liberty bell  
no escape from the heat that's getting hotter than hell  
like the oven's on broil, with blood stains in the soil  
pimped on in the colors of crown royal  
and little sister's got a baby on hip  
and her momma never home so the cycle is sick  
young ballers on the court wanna play in the league  
but got knocked in the spot for a quarter of weed  
it's getting hot in here, baby leave on your clothes  
much more to living life than emulating them hoes  
I try to speak truth in the form of my flows  
but the temperature is rising it's harder to grow, fo'  
sho'

[Hook: repeat 2X]

Gotta keep my head up (yeah)  
even though I'm fed up (survival every day)  
gettin' hard to eat (right)  
and all the drama in the street (it's gettin hot in every  
way)

[Talib Kweli]

Heads up, eyes open, rest in peace had quarters  
tunnel vision, most of us is rushing (Russian?) like a  
special order  
of stolen NIA (?)  
the block is hot the ghetto on fire, with more narcs  
sales than ave  
and barksdale from adshow to wire  
we keep growing like hair when you die  
black butterfly on the rose that's preparing to fly  
I paint a picture with the color of the orquid, it's vivid  
whatever kid I talk it, I spit it, I walk it, I live it  
God bless every step and need to go through a

reverend  
your boy used to gouge an eye out just to get into  
heaven  
we live between heaven and hell like John Constantine  
doing crimes they confessing like a teenage drama  
queen  
we were leaning now were falling down like Michael  
Douglas  
I spit it fast, I gotta get it out, they might unplug it  
and try to drug us, so I stay aware and watch out for  
the set up  
never scared to go head up, got a plan to get my bread  
up, and

[Hook]

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