

## Chuck D

### "The Pride"

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Yeah, reminiscent of another time  
And another state of mind

[Verse 1]

I used to flow  
They used to call me a rhyme animal  
Some of them don't call me rio mo so  
I try a new style refuse to get wild  
On the B side because I still got my pride  
The pride comes from another time  
My father and mother plus God  
Blessed the rhyme  
Born in 1960 seventy suckers quizzing  
Me what was it like before everybody  
Tried to be like Mike  
Back in the day when our peeps had to fight for our  
rights  
To make the day fell aaight  
But there is no is without a was  
No about to be butts or because..I got the  
Pride

Reminiscent of another time  
Dashikis, bells, to straight legs  
Platforms & picks  
See it wasn't just about the fro  
It was what was underneath that fro  
Black power for the powerless  
Deuce and quarters, caddies 442's  
Yeah pride

[Verse 2]

Say, say it loud  
James singin black and I'm proud  
I was in third grad when Dr. King got slain  
And if I had to read a book about  
The facts, the fact is that the black  
Would be overlooked look  
1967 I was seven livin proof of  
what I had learned in my youth  
what a difference a score and a

decade makes mistakes and super bad  
breaks wait  
I ate the food in the lunch programs  
And now I see the young strung out on  
Grams so I work on a go on  
And so on and soon communicate to  
Get the young straight  
Cause I got the pride

[Break]

Flamboyant names  
Free Huey, Eldridge, Bobby, Angela  
Woodstock to Kent State  
Music of the time for the mind  
45's, Aretha, Four Tops  
Curtis Mayfield, Isaac Hayes  
Assassinations Presidents

Sixties Soul

Now in order for us to know  
Who we are we got to know  
Who we was and once we know  
Who we was then we know who  
Were gonna be

Pride

[Verse 3]

The panther party before lad-i-da-di  
Put pride inside plus taught karate  
Fed heads in many ways many days  
Were served locked down protectin the  
Black and the brown  
Now today the old must spread it  
I said it  
If they don't communicate then the  
You can't get it  
Problems have to be solved they  
Won't go away so man what  
You say and don't sway  
Gotta get that pride

[Outro]

King, Malcolm, Medgar, Hampton  
Ritos and rebellions  
Newark, Watts, Uptown  
Harlem that is black gold  
Ghetto stell  
I reserve the right to be nothing  
But a man

We reserve the right to be nothing  
But men and women

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