## The Roots f/ Wale, Chrisette Michele ''Rising Up''

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[Intro (?uestlove & Chrisette Michele)] Yesterday I saw a B-girl crying; yesterday I saw a B-girl crying I walked up and asked what's wrong, She told me that the radio's been playing the same song all day long So I told her I got something you've been waiting for I got something you've been waiting for [Chorus (Chrisette Michele & Black Thought)] Yesterday I saw a B-girl crying; I walked up and asked what's wrong She told me that the radio's been playing the same song all day long So get your glass lift it up in the toast position We getting paper like John Travolta get it Cause we focused wit it we supposed to get it You know me and my whole squad we so committed We not the kids cooling out on the sofa with it We about to dominate the globe like Oprah did it We getting paper like John Travolta nigga [Black Thought]

Well I'm a downtown shooter who that? The crown ruler is back He kind of grew into the shape of a mack Look how I do it, yo I'm taking you back This how you rise down to the foundation, how sacred is that? I'm from the number one place on the map The generational gap with yet another sensational track And we don't stress for nothing I just press the button It's as simple as just making it hap To all the frauds stop faking, relax And to the broads if you caking Then clap then shake it without breaking your back I know the world been waiting for that You been aching for that cuz what they playing on the station is wack And I'm a legend in the flesh that dress to impress

The best is that which I accept and nothing less My stacks is grotesque my squad, so fresh You know its Black Thought and your boy the bro ?uest, but

[Chorus (Chrisette Michele & Black Thought)]

[Wale]

Hip-Hop ain't dead cuz the pulse is in us I got the Everclear flow, they mimosa with it We are the hope of the culture, they supposed to listen And I'm supposed to pivot like I'm a forward in the league, I'm Oden with it Yet don't owe them niggas nothing but potent lyrics But if you ain't got the dance they revoke your spinning So good rappers ain't eating they Olsen twining But I'm so committed, they have grown familiar With the counterfeit hitters they so-so with it, but they are Sosa with it.

They Mark McGuire with the written, I'm Rodriguez On the road to riches this is the fork I'm hitting This is the trial and error era no co-defendant I push The Seed every time like I'm Cody with it I said the one-hit wonders pneumonia to us I don't know you niggas, hit the road my nigga

[Chorus (Chrisette Michele & Black Thought)]

[Black Thought]

Where my grimy figures at? look lively addressing the captain

Show me where your first impression is at And where your dedication to the true profession is at How you laugh answer me, "What kind of question is that?"

I'll show you where my rare essence is at, the adolescence of rap

The real muscle in the message of that

My name trouble I'm a blessing to rap

And you can check my stats cuz worldwide they attesting to that

So nigga listen you can probably learn a lesson perhaps

How I'm like Bobby DeNiro, Joe Pesc and them cats Am I the unsung hero? oh yes if you asking anybody that's aware of the classics

They'll tell you I'm a legend in the flesh that dress to impress

The best is that which I accept and nothing less My stacks is grotesque my squad, so fresh

You know its Black Thought and your boy the bro ?uest,

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## [Chorus (Chrisette Michele)]

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