A Tribe Called Quest "Peace, Prosperity And Paper"

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Chorus:

All we want in this life

Is peace, prosperity and a little paper

Objects that seem greater

But I'm sure well over come when we illin on a drum

(repeat 2X)

Verse One: Q-Tip

We in a world that places heavy emphasis on money

synthesis

Y'all can be my witnesses

That a fella fascination with money has grown

To the point that he will shit on his own

We got to have it y'all, its not a Spike Lee cinematic

A piece of paper makin niggaz get dramatic

But the money doesnt come automatic

Gotta motivate ourselves to go and grab it

We got to get it yall, in an orderly fashion

Some cats go about it with too much passion

We got to mediate our greedy levels

Cuz the lust of currency can have us sleepin with the

devil

Gotta recognize it, realize the power

that this little ma-huckin piece of paper will devour

Man can be greater than the thing he creates

See, I'ma do my thing and see how much I can scrape

Yo I'd rather have respect than money, no doubt

But listen to me y'all, I want the mass amount

That the Sesame Street Dracula cant Count

So that I can give my people when that thing surmounts

To higher levels.. of being.. so when I'm MC-ing

I hope to see you there steady G-ing (say word)

But the only way we can truly reach that goal

Is finding true inner peace and prospering souls

It's like that

Chorus

Verse Two: Phife

Here comes your royal highness, one of Queens finest

Believe me, honest, you know you can't stop it

Come on son, never leave your mic round me True MC for real ask my man Shaheed

Strictly focused on what Im in this rap game for

Not for fame and screwing every whore after whore With all that AIDS stuff going round

Tell me how that sound

Rather hit the studio and hear some beats that pound

Now, dont get me wrong I love honeys galore

But see hip-hop's my bread butter

Cause that's what I get paid for

See this is what I wanted

Allah helped me to get it

And if the beat is wicked

You know Malik will rip it

From the bottom of my heart

Thats where the love starts

The love for breakdancing

My love for the art

And with this love I do hip-hop from the soul

A real MC, who never sweats how many copies are sold

Yeah I want to go gold, platinum, uh-huh etceteras

But why put out some wackness when no one will

respect ya

Im staying true nuff respect to those that paved the

way

From Bambaata down to Shah; that be my DJ

With out my peeps I dont know how the hell Id make it, word

Sometimes I feel that my career is headed for the curb

One love for the lendin hand and giving all your help

Believing in me when I didnt believe in my own self

The Abstract with whom Im always making rugged

tunes

Kid Hood restin in heaven, I hope to see you soon

I keep things hot and this year they're even hotter

Big Mu and Shah, one day I'll take my shahada

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