

## **Badi**

# **"The Departure"**

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it seems like for days, my flight has been delayed  
and I can see the plane sitting on the runway  
but I heard there's a shortage of pilots  
we got the craft, but nobody can recall how to fly it  
so I've been in the terminal basement, creating  
I ain't giving in to imitation  
role playing? na, this is my Departure  
I'm taking off, feel the ground breaking  
and I know what you're thinking, rapping is lame  
but that's not how it has to remain  
cause somewhere in a kid in the back of their brain  
lies the answer to bring about change  
meanwhile we sing about chains hanging  
at an all time low, put ya hazard lights on, ride slow  
in circles cause ya not sure where to go  
I wonder would you even care to know

CHORUS:

prepare yourself for the departure  
strap yaself in, I'm about to start something  
next movement, this is a departure  
from the usual, this is more suitable

now I can't proceed if I can't see the past  
so let me go back to see the (Cedar) Ave  
where it all started, so I'm traveling the farthest  
before we became marketing targets  
before the game was just rosters of artists  
that all seem to claim to be the hardest  
but I hear ... just a bunch of little sean carters  
you see em, they on every corner like starbucks

now, get rich or die trying, so we all try rhyming  
but there was a time when hip hop wasn't bringing any  
loot in  
imagine, rappers not rappin bout shootin'  
just being about the music  
only concerned with getting the crowd moving  
the block party could hear it, innovation  
moving instruction always been a part of the lyrics

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we at stand still for the time being  
you know it, you see everything that I'm seeing  
but I'm not leaving, even though this is the departure  
I'd never abandon the culture  
even when I see most of  
my people are so close to  
giving up cause it ain't livin' up to what its spose to  
listen I'll depart if that'll bring us closer  
exec's look past me, cause I don't fit in they boxes  
cause this is not gettin' a profit  
I rap about reality, the recognition of Prophets  
to spit what I believe, I gotta dig in my pockets  
but I got this, no problem  
already in motion, nobody can stop this  
you swear that it died from the past couple years  
but I'm here to tell you its only up from here

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