Blue Scholars "Morning Of America"

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(chorus)

On and On like the song go I wonder if we took the wrong road And it seems like so long ago But you know where to go if you ever come home

(verse)

I was born in the morning of America Torn between mourning the loss And celebrating the dawn Majored in Reaganomics, hip hop and comics Fist locked around dollars Fuck a stock market

Prince was chart toppin'
Purple Rain fallin'
Writer's gettin' up and down the Berlin Wall
Before the Iron Curtain call and People Power One
Chillin' up in military housing having fun

With the little we got, got Optimus for Christmas Over time to pay principal with interest Moms and Pops still ill equipped as new immigrants And navigate 1986 with three kids Plus expecting one more, far from the Huxtables That's why I'm still comfortable while sleeping on the

Twenty Three years gone, still 1984
Still fighting more undeclared wars
Caught 'em shipping arms to Iran for Nicaraguan
Contras
A cold war getting hotter,
Now what's going on?
It's no more Marvin to sing us the song,
I think something's gone wrong

(chorus)

(verse)

Now, nothing beats the sound of a Posmix cassette

Bumpin' in the system of your hooptie stock deck 8-bit systems and kung-fu flicks I rock like Herbie Hancock with prosthetic limbs

Who killed Vincent Chin?
Was it them? Was it us?
Not giving it enough of a fuck to stand up

Not more than 12 months after Lennon got shot Bob died same year, Mumia got locked The school of the Americas put heads to sleep Like Ted DiBiase, the Million Dollar Dream

Jesus Freaks all believe to leave
On these streets, will they please just leave us be
Mix tapes of Fat Boys and Run DMC
Too Short, BDP and EPMD
Watch more Nickelodeon than MTV
Eventually every week it was Fab Five Freddy

Now everybody born about '87 up Got a VH1 version of "The Years We Came Up" But VH1 never played hip-hop at all How the fuck they be the ones giving hip hop awards y'all?

(chorus)

(verse)

Reflections and questions and not enough answers
The rise of gang banging was the death of the
Panthers
Short shorts, tube socks, cities to boondocks
Everywhere somebody trying to moon walk

Rock Steady crew, jams with Steve Pool Site beyond sight, yo, I pulled roots Like Super Mario 2, a bowl full of Cheerios Looking back "Just Say No" was not enough

To sweep dust under the carpet when the visitors came Cities became, temporary wealth Manifested and changed, M.J. became chosen "Free Mandela" was the slogan of the moment

To the mobile DJs with the pompadour fades Rockin' Debbie Deb Stevie B. all day When I hear music, I can't wait to rock New shoes, nothing less than some fresh hightops

And things happen for a reason, they say

But I say there's a reason things happen And it wasn't all good way back in the day Struggled then, struggle now, still standing (repeat)

(chorus)

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