

## Cassia Eller

### "The Message"

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It's a real bad time for black celebrities, they lockin everybody up:

Michael Jackson, James Brown, Tupac, R. Kelly, OJ Simpson, Mike Tyson, Kobe Bryant, Jay-Z, Mystikal, P. Diddy, Allen Iverson, Snoop Dogg, DMX, Styles P, Shine, Beanie Segal, Lil' Kim.

Hook:

Is it because I'm Black  
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When you black you got to hustle, got to struggle and strive.  
And not every cat that goes through that struggle survive.  
But he got to stay stronger and keep the struggle alive.  
They say the struggle died, I say the struggle revived.  
My profession is going through oppression.  
That's why I'm so stressed and I'm working with no rest,  
And no question ima fight for yall cause I don't like it yall,  
We make half as much as them, we workin twice as hard yall.  
It aint fair sometimes you seein heaven signs, I aint Pharaohcon  
But I got knowledge and I'm sharing mines. I swear it's time to  
Be aware that they fear you mind, and they fear your heart. You  
Want to change heres the start. I'm tired of watching cops outline  
my peers and yall, I'm trying to make a move, I'm not trying to make  
the news. They say the consequences worst when we break the  
rules. To get back and right you got to make a sacrifice.

Hook:

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We got some problems we need solve, heres our  
chance to get them handle.  
Just take the boycott in Alabama for example. They stop  
ridin the bus till they  
Address their affairs. And they ended segregation in  
less then a year. So imagine  
What our status if we made a contribution, we?ll  
probably be able to change the  
Constitution. I can't see no other kind of solution we  
deserve our reparation, it's  
Time for a revolutions. I'm a step ahead of Satan, I  
read it in Revelation. Forget  
Your reputation, lets make it a better nation, cause they  
trying to cage us in,  
Make us slaves again, eventually it's meant to be the  
new plantation, the penitentiary.  
For centuries they had a plan we let them executed,  
everyday another brother getting  
Executed. And all our artist getting arrested I aspect  
improvement. It?s a message  
In the music, I suggest you use it.

Hook:

Somebody tell me what can I do.

Will I survive or will I die

On the streets it's hard to survive. Why, is it because I?  
m black, Hot Shot got rock, I can't bring my cousin  
back. Five-hundred thousand sold, gold, yeah it wasn?t  
platinum, but Clyde gave me another try, cause I wasn?  
t whack. And now im buzzin back, yeah I got my budget  
back. Renegotiating got a mil to do a dozen tracks. Yea  
I'm eatin only reason is because I rap, my homies eatin  
only reason is because of crack. They can't get a job so  
them niggas quick to rob, quick to steal, quick to kill,  
grip the steal, quick to ride. Malcolm X, Martin Luther  
King we can't forget them guys. These politician,  
hypocrites they got us hypnotize. That why I kiss rick,  
why, we got to lift our eyes . Cause if we keep?em close  
they just goin keep control. And hold our sisters and  
brothers in the pen and we was born guilty cause the  
color of our skin.

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