

## Big Joe Turner

### "2000 Beyond"

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[Intro: sample from the film "Dead Presidents"]  
"Right now we'd like to bring on a young man who  
Believes in doing things his own way  
And based on the way he kinda get next to all of the  
Folks who've seen him work  
His way has gotta be pretty hip, so let's lay some  
Noise"

"They send our people to fight for this so-called  
Democracy  
But when they get back down to the South et cetera, et  
Cetera  
Shit is worse than ever  
There is something very sick about that  
Power to the people! "

[Big K.R.I.T.:]  
2000 and beyond  
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Tricks and hoes, bitches and stripper poles  
Shake it for dollar signs, let me see from behind  
The ghetto's a fairy tale, pimps and jezebels  
Dealers with chrome rims with product for you to sell  
Chemistry in the kitchen, alleys with rubbers in it  
Tires go round and round, windows heavy tinted  
Kush is scented inside  
Pull me over, now they talking bout a canine ("Code 6")  
Black man face down, damn  
Charge it to the game  
Bums warm they weary souls over open flames  
Junkie can't find God, watch him find his vein  
Preacher walk right by like he ain't seen a thang  
Pass the collection plate  
Niggas thought shit was gon' change on election day  
Healthcare, H1N1 nasal spray  
Got me scared to hit the block  
Wear my flag as a mask, tote a Glock

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[Interlude: sample from the film "Dead Presidents"]  
"To tell you the truth, I'm not sure I even want any of  
This dirty money"  
"Well, I'll tell you what Reverend  
We'll find something to do with your share"  
"No, no-no-no-no, I'll take the money  
I'm sure the Lord will find another way for me to do my  
Penance"

[Big K.R.I.T.:]  
Poor folk scrape dollars, spend the last  
Of they income tax on Impalas with the SS  
Church give awards, who the best dressed?  
Pastor drive a Bentley, got me thinking I was less  
Blessed  
Cause I let a middle man  
He was capping what I'm asking, I don't understand  
How you fit that many rings on a helping hand?  
Tired of deception  
But I pay his kid's tuition cause I'm tryna get to  
Heaven  
Ain't it crazy? Scared to have a baby  
How can I protect it from the same streets that made  
Me?  
Concrete gladiator, bloodshed overflow  
Real life, some places Russell Crowe would never go  
Pimp tight flossing, look at what it cost me  
Peace of mind, no sleep, late night tossing and turning  
Waiting on the end, pray to God, forgive me for my  
sins

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[Interlude: sample from the film "Dead Presidents"]  
"You know how I survive?  
Cause I don't think about the world, that shit don't  
Exist to me  
I don't give a fuck about anything or anyone in it  
Because the minute I do, I'm a dead man out here  
And you remember that shit"

[Big K.R.I.T.:]  
As a child I was cold with a chip on my shoulders  
Grandma told me be careful cause there's sharks in  
the  
Water

They will kill you, let the Good Lord steer you  
Don't worry bout the government, cause baby they  
don't  
Feel you  
Martin Luther King had a dream, we was right there  
I wonder what he saw when he up and had nightmares  
Quite scared, all the work he had done  
Couldn't stop what we've become

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[Outro: sample from the film "Dead Presidents"]  
"Ain't nothing I say gon' get me out of this  
But things were getting bad for me, and  
I had to do what I had to do to s-, to survive"

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