

# Janelle Monae

## "Dance Or Die"

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Featuring: Saul Williams

Cyborg, android, d-boy, decoy, water, wisdom,  
tighrope, vision, insight, stronghold, heartless, ice  
cold, mystery, mastery, solar, battery

Some will pull the gun because they want to be stars  
Snatching up your life into the blink of an eye  
And if you see your cloning on a street walking by  
Keep a running for your life cause only one will survive  
War is in the street and it's an eye for an eye  
Run on for your life or you can dance you can die  
She's praying in the sand like she's the last samurai  
It's a stick up stick up and a pick up pick up  
Telling lies and telling lies will put your face on fire  
Run and tell your friends to never dream, never win  
Ghettos keep a crying out to streets full of zombies  
Kids are killing kids and then the kids join the army  
Rising and a waking, yes sir here comes the sun  
March into the war and with the kick of the drum  
The wiser simians have got the bombs and the guns  
So you might as well keep dancing if you're not gonna  
run

A long long way to find the one  
We'll keep on dancing till she comes  
These dreams are forever  
Oh these dreams are forever  
And if you wanna wake the sun  
Just keep on marching to the drums  
These dreams are forever  
Oh these dreams are forever

Now I'm not saying it's better to bailar (Spanish for  
dance)  
You can pull the trigger or you can build you an ark  
My words are rather kind you keep them held in  
contempt  
Looking for a nine and then a droid you can tempt  
Zombie, zombie, zombie, where do dreams come  
from?  
A little bird is chirping and she's singing a song

She's shaking em and waking em and giving em mas  
As the clock tick tocks and the bodies drop  
I'm gonna lay myself so far way down right in your  
chops

Modern day example of the wolf vs flock  
Freedom necessary and it's by any means  
Frozen they were stolen all the kings and queens  
Sudanese and Congolese who put the roll in the rock  
From here to Sudan, Metropolis to Iraw  
It's a minute to the dawn and yet the sun ain't back  
It's still a war in all the stress and yes freaks will dance  
or die

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Angel, blossom, gunshot, dodging, dream, bright,  
beat, light, breathe, live, help, give, focus, trance,  
wake up, dance!

I'm praying for the man sitting without much time  
May he understand the clock will never rewind  
Wisen him and sharpen him and give him a motto  
hate no more, said he must hate no more  
You see the daylight comes into the kingdom  
But the kingdom's full of ignorant men  
Just keep rebelling away, you gotta dream it away  
Because the weatherman on TV ain't creating the  
weather  
This man wants to see another jubilation  
And that man wants us in emancipation  
And then there is the man who wants a stronger nation  
You see we really got to and i think that we ought to  
Protect the mind from degradation  
Sow in the seeds of education  
They run from us, are we that dangerous?  
There's a war in all the streets and yes the freaks must  
dance or die!

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