

# Janet Jackson

## "New Agenda"

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It ain't nothin' but an us thang  
And it's time for us to step it up and respect  
(Amen)  
That level of sisterhood  
That's been holding up our neighborhood  
And if it wasn't for our mothers  
There would be no brothers  
(Amen)  
And if it wasn't for our sisters  
There would be no misters  
So it ain't nothin' but a us thang  
She's strong and that's a fact  
Now it's time for us to take up the slack  
Step it up, step it up, time to go to work

History hidden from me  
(Hey)  
To hide my identity  
So I'd never feel  
I am somebody

You've gouged my eyes  
I see more clearly  
You've tried to rob  
My humanity  
(Oh now)

My spirit you tried to break  
(No)  
My soul you tried to take  
(I took)  
There's no need to be afraid  
'Cause I won't do unto you now

(Amen)  
(Hey)  
All that we've been through  
(Turn your body down)  
Our time has come to rejoice  
(Oh)  
A new agenda's due

(Amen)  
It's time to know the truth  
(You don't wannabe)  
Our time has come to rejoice  
(Rejoice)  
A new agenda's due

Step it up, step it up, better check this up  
I think it's best we protect what we have got left

(No, no)  
Because of my gender  
(No)  
I've heard no too many times  
Because of my race  
I've heard no too many times  
(No, no)  
But with every no  
(No)  
I grow in strength  
(That is why)  
That is why  
African-American woman  
I stand tall with pride  
(I stand tall with pride)

You want to know what it takes  
(Wanna know)  
To rid yourself of me now  
There's nothing you can do  
Accept me for who I am now

(Amen)  
All that we've been through  
(Hey)  
Our time has come to rejoice  
(Yeah)  
A new agenda's due

Check it out, check it out, gotta check it out  
Listen to me gotta check it out, come on we will do it  
now  
Come on, come on step it up

Amen  
All that we've been through  
(Step it up)  
Our time has come to rejoice  
A new agenda's due

Amen

(Everybody, everybody)  
It's time to know the truth  
Our time has come to rejoice  
(Hey)  
A new agenda's due

Step it up, step it up, this time step it up  
Step it up, check it up, come on

Time to step it up, step it up  
Better check yourself  
I get vexed to protect what we got  
Left her alone  
Lookin' for your own  
Here it is I know what I'm sayin'  
But the klan ain't playin' at the range  
Gotta step it up us to discuss a must  
It ain't nothin' but an us thang  
Rewind back to the time  
Where the color of our mother  
Had 'em call it a crime  
Brother what in the world?  
And the world says where is the black man  
Support the woman and children  
Time to step it up, step it up, it's playoff time  
And the rhyme go to check, so check yourself

Amen  
(Step it up, step it up)  
A new agenda's due

(Amen)  
All that we've been through  
Our time has come to rejoice  
(Oh)  
A new agenda's due  
(C'mon step it up)

(Amen)  
It's time to know the truth  
(Give all a bit)  
Our time has come to rejoice  
(Respect)  
A new agenda's due

(Amen)  
(All that we've been through)  
All that we've been through  
(Yeah)  
Our time has come to rejoice  
(This is our time)

A new agenda's due

Amen

(Hey)

It's time to know the truth

(It's time to know the truth)

Our time has come to rejoice

(Our time has come to rejoice)

(It's time to know the truth)

A new agenda's due

(Respect)

Amen

All that we've been through

Our time has come to rejoice

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