

Mos Def & Talib Kweli "Astronomy"

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Against the canvas of the night
Appears a curious celestial phenomena
Called Black Star, but what is it?
(Black people unite and let's all get down)
(We got to have what? We got to have that love)

What is the Black Star?
Is it the cat with the black shades, the black car?
Is it shinin' from very far, to where you are? It is
commonplace
And different, intimate and distant, fresher than an
infant

Black, my family thick, like they're striped molasses
Star, on the rise, in the eyes of the masses
Black is the color of my true love's hair
Star's are bright, shinin', hot balls of air

Black like my baby girl's stare
Black like the veil that the Muslimina wear
Black like the planet that they fear, why they scared?
Black like the slave ship that later brought us here

Black like the cheeks that are roadways for tears
That leave black faces well traveled with years
Black like assassin cross hairs
Blacker than my granddaddy armchair

He never really got no time to chill there
'Cause this life is warfare, warfare
Deep on the front lines, to blacks is all there
Black like the perception of who, on welfare

Black like faces at the bottom of the well, I've been
there
Before to bring the light and heat it up like 'La Cocina'
Make without imagine happen but maybe I'm just a
dreamer
I love rockin' tracks like John Coltrane love Naema

Like the student love the teacher
Like the prophet love Khadeja

Like I love my baby features
Like the creator love all creatures

Who acknowledge truth and peace seekers
We on point like heat seekers
Targettin' the black marketing strategists
Run up on em with the heaters

Everybody followin' with no leaders feelin' like we killin'
Ourselves because I know they can't defeat us
It don't stop 'til we complete this, keep this fly
There's so much to life when you just stay Black and
God

Blacker than the nighttime sky of Bed-Stuy in July
Blacker than the seed in the blackberry pie
Blacker than the middle of my eye
Black like feh-lah man cry

Some man wan ask "Who am I?"
I simply reply, "The U N I V E R S A L Magnetic"
Work to respect the angelic, climb the mountaintop
And tell it 'til the valley's enveloped

You're full of big chat but you nah know me
I'm dark like the side of the moon you don't see
When the moon shine newly

You know who else is a Black Star? Who? Me
You know who else is a Black Star? Who? Me
You know who else is a Black Star, who we?
And we be shinin' and shinin', when we rhymin' and
rhymin'
We be shinin' and shinin', when we rhymin' and rhymin'

Now everybody hop on the one, the sounds of the two
It's the third eye vision, five side dimension
The 8th Light, is gonna shine bright tonight
It's the third eye vision, five side dimension

You know the light go from the dark
The other way is ass-backwards, it's absurd
Make you wanna crow like a blackbird, that's right
You livin' from your first day to your last night

Sometimes you show your ass like lint on your clothes
When you froze in The Black Light, dead that
Before you get your head wrapped like Badu
We see through your voodoo just like Eve's Bayou

You dealin' with that black magic, try to civilize you

Not walk on by you like civil lies do get you black listed
It'll be unlucky for you like a black cat, a panther
Revolution is the answer that's what we need
Greed plague my people like the cancer, true indeed

Now black people unite, and let's all get down
Now everybody hop on the one, the sounds of the two
It's the third eye vision, five side dimension
The 8th Light, is gonna shine bright tonight

Everybody hop on the one, the sounds of the two
It's the third eye vision, five side dimension
The 8th Light, is gonna shine bright tonight
It's the third eye vision, five side dimension
Equalin' up to eight, light shine bright

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