

## Nelly "Self Esteem"

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[Nelly]

You got to believe in yourself  
Don't let nobody tell you what you can't be  
You got to believe in yoursel-elf, yeah  
And everything else'll work out, you'll see  
Ohh (ohh) ohh, ohh, hoh!

[Chorus: Nelly]

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Don't let nobody tell you what you can't be  
You got to believe in yoursel-elf, yeah  
And everything else'll work out, you'll see  
Ohh, ohh, ohh, ohh  
I think I - naw, I know I can  
I think I - naw, I know I can  
I think I - naw, I know I can  
I know I can, I know I can, ay

[Nelly - over Chorus]

Ay, yeah  
Nobody, uh-uh uh uhh  
Everybody I think I...  
Uhh, uhh, uhh, uhh

[Nelly]

You see my poppa was a rollin stone  
And my momma had problems of her own  
But I still managed to make it out okay  
... ohh, ohh  
Although I'm hailed as a hometown hero  
Still in my hometown I'm seen as a negro  
But man, that's okay  
Uh uh uh uh uh uh  
It's so many obstacles in life to overcome  
And as soon as you jump over one here come another  
come  
But we got to be strong, and set examples for our sons  
If the sun don't shine, then the decayin has begun

[Chorus]

[Nelly]

Uhh, uhh, uhh, uhh  
They say I'm old enough to go to war  
But I ain't old enough to play in the NBA no more  
Now you tell me, what's wrong with that?  
Ah ah ah, ah-ah ah ah  
I pledge allegiance all the way to Iraq  
But ain't nobody pledgin to me when I get back

Tell my Uncle Sam he wrong for that  
Ah ah ah, WOO!  
You see my self-esteem, I'm never leavin home without  
it  
They told me I'd never make it, they told me I ain't  
doubt it  
Now tell me whoever make it, now tell me I ain't got it  
I'm seein (No Limits) nigga, who sayin I ain't (Bout it)?  
WOO!

[Chorus]

[Chuck D - over Chorus]  
That's right, you gotta believe it y'all, c'mon  
I know I can  
I think I - naw, I know I can  
I think I - naw, I know I can  
Know I can, know you can

[Chuck D]  
Rock on Nelly, rock on my brother  
Keep your head up over the storm, young fella (hoh!)  
Got a letter from the government, opened and read it  
Uhh, and told 'em all to forget it  
C'mon, cause we BELIEVE in the future  
Uncle Sam sent his man to recruit ya  
You still can't trust it, cause you came this far  
End of discussion, when you KNOW who you are

[Chorus]

[Chuck D - over Chorus]  
That's right believe, c'mon now  
Don't let nobody tell you, what you can be  
C'mon Nelly, tell 'em man  
That's right, rockin it positivity, that's right  
I know I can, I know I can  
I think I, I know I can

[Outro: Chuck D]  
You gotta believe it  
You gotta believe, my brother  
You keep doin your thing

That's right, keep that head up  
All the way to the future  
That's right, for the babies baby  
For the babies

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