

# **Rage Against The Machine**

## **"Take The Power Back"**

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Take The Power Back lyrics

Spoken: 'Crank the music up'

Bring that shit in! Ugggh!  
Yeah, the movement's in motion with mass militant  
poetry  
Now check this out...ugggh!  
In the right light, study becomes insight  
But the system that dissed us  
Teaches us to read and write

So called facts are fraud  
They want us to allege and pledge  
And bow down to their God  
Lost the culture, the culture lost  
Spun our minds and through time  
Ignorance has taken over  
Yo, we gotta take the power back!  
Bam! Here's the plan  
Motherfuck Uncle Sam  
Step back, I know who I am  
Raise up your ear, I'll drop the style and clear  
It's the beats and the lyrics they fear  
The rage is relentless  
We need a movement with a quickness  
You are the witness of change  
And to counteract  
We gotta take the power back

Yeah, we gotta take the power back  
Come on, come on!  
We gotta take the power back

The present curriculum  
I put my fist in 'em  
Eurocentric every last one of 'em  
See right through the red, white and blue disguise  
With lecture I puncture the structure of lies  
Installed in our minds and attempting  
To hold us back  
We've got to take it back

'Cause holes in our spirit causin' tears and fears  
One-sided stories for years and years and years  
I'm inferior? Who's inferior?  
Yea, we need to check the interior

Of the system that cares about only one culture  
And that is why  
We gotta take the power back

Yeah, we gotta take the power back  
Come on, come on!  
We gotta take the power back

Hey yo check, we're gonna have to break it, break it,  
break it down  
Awww shit!  
Uggh!  
And like this...uggh!  
Come on, yeah! Bring it back the other way!  
The teacher stands in front of the class  
But the lesson plan he can't recall  
The student's eyes don't perceive the lies  
Bouncing off every fucking wall  
His composure is well kept  
I guess he fears playing the fool  
The complacent students sit and listen to some of that  
Bullshit that he learned in school

Europe ain't my rope to swing on  
Can't learn a thing from it  
Yet we hang from it  
Gotta get it, gotta get it together then  
Like the motherfuckin' Weathermen  
To expose and close the doors on those who try  
To strangle and mangle the truth  
'Cause the circle of hatred continues unless we react  
We gotta take the power back

Yeah, we gotta take the power back  
Come on, come on!  
We gotta take the power back

No more lies (8 times, building to a crescendo)  
Uggh!  
Yeah!  
Take it back Joe  
Take it back, a-take it back  
A-take it back Joe, come on!  
Take it back Joe  
Take it back, a-take it back  
A-take it back Joe, come on!

Uggh!  
Yeah!

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