

## Dead Prez "Shuffering And Shmiling"

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(featuring Bilal, Jorge Ben Jor, Positive Force & Talib Kweli)

[Jorge Ben Jor] (scat singing)

[stic.man]  
(to the ancestors)  
can't keep quiet  
this time gon' be more than a riot (to the warriors)  
can't keep quiet  
this time gon' be more than a riot (to those who came  
before us)  
can't keep quiet  
this time gon' be more than a riot (long lived the  
revolution)  
can't keep quiet  
this time gon' be more than a riot

[stic.man]  
religion is like prison  
keep the people locked up in different divisions  
some of them promise you heaven  
but I see a whole lot of bullshit ism-scism  
imperialism in the form of spirituality  
slave mentality, escape reality  
what we supposed to just suffer and smile and be  
content?  
sendin our prayers to the clouds? (stic.man - uhn uh)  
i want my heaven now, freedom on earth  
and if the preacher ain't with us, then we takin his  
church  
what is it worth to have the biggest religion  
when the people got miserable living conditions?  
no water, no lights, no rights  
all over africa we fight, but we have to unite  
cause ain't no power in the gospel  
when the priest puttin powder in his nostril  
and the elder's council fails to lead  
and the children suffer from daily need  
and the people can barely eat  
is it a sin to stand up  
to fight against the ones that put is in handcuffs?

goddamn, what happened to the daily bread, spread  
love  
and not what the bible said, but in the name of the bible  
how much love is spread compared to how much blood  
is shed

chorus:

[Bilal]

everyday my people get inside the bus  
(women - shuffering and shmiling)  
everyday its the circle  
(women - shuffering and shmiling)  
everyday my people get inside the bus  
(women - shuffering and shmiling)  
everyday its the circle

[Jorge Ben Jor] (scat singing)

(women - shuffering and shmiling) x4  
everyday its the same thing

[Talib Kweli]

yo

every day I wake up is a miracle, thank you  
seperate religious and the spiritual, thank you  
see, I dont be askin in the air, every action is a prayer  
the bear won't attack me, I be, attackin the bear, see  
back in the day I used to work in a bookstore  
my job was to find whatever book you look for  
i remember one day this lady came for a bible  
we was out, so I started showin here other titles  
tryna share information about a religion  
everything that I showed her was written by christians,  
still  
she got the hell up outta the place  
wonderin something about me shakin her faith  
now, knowledge is power, we spread information  
how strong is your faith? what it take to be shaken?  
yo, I think she missed what jesus was sayin  
can't keep your eyes closed to a revelation  
you could be speakin in tongues  
could be speakin of sons and daughters  
my reflection of course, within the water is  
beautiful, attractive, my musical contraption  
classified as unusual practice but  
thats what it take to be a man  
free the land, crash down on babylon like the sea to the  
sand  
peace to the fam, we want you all to stay strong and  
live long  
like a de la song, c'mon

[stic.man & Talib Kweli]  
can't keep quiet  
this time gon' be more than a riot  
can't keep quiet  
this time gon' be more than a riot  
can't keep quiet  
this time gon' be more than a riot  
can't keep quiet  
this time gon' be more than a riot

[m1]  
this way of life, ain't right  
pray all day and night and don't fight  
poped up, doped up  
work three jobs to fill the gold cup  
no water, no food, no lights, no rights  
no power til the people unite  
it's gone - divison and they work us in prison  
look round, how my niggas is livin  
everything we make, they takin it to the bank  
while we sittin up in the church to give thanks  
don't you know the preacher got bank? (m1 - uhn uh,  
uhn uh)  
don't you know the deacon smoke dank? (m1 - uhn uh,  
uhn uh)  
did you ever think the bible was a prank? (m1 - uhn uh,  
uhn uh)  
somebody bout to faint  
before they came  
they had the bible, we had the land  
now, we got the bible, they got the land  
and what do you believe in, heaven or hell?  
life is what you make it, so thats why I rebel  
uncle sam, got blood on his hands  
good god, how the devil can dance  
nobody wanna help a nigga  
put your hands together, do it yourself my nigga  
don't sit there  
you won't have nobody rushin to die  
so do something don't just suffer and smile

[chorus]

[Jorge Ben Jor] (scat singing)

[m1] (repeats until end)  
africa, africa, africa  
aids is killin  
africans, africans, africans

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