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Def Jef "Black To The Future"

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(22 million black victims of Americanism are waking up)

As-salaam-alaikum, blackman

Time to make a stand

Time to wake up, and

Time to make a plan and band

Together like China

We need to find a

Better form of unity

Then we'll be

In the right path, on the right track

Dark or light black

Don't let em tell you it's wrong to fight back

(Come on)

But the enemy is not your brother

It's that other muthafucka

The one that baited, robbed and degraded you

And he don't like to see you've made it through

The bullshit that came with bein a brotherman

Stolen from the motherland

Placed in another land?

400 and some odd years ago

Till about the time we wore afros

We've come so far so fast

>From what they call the past

But that just passed

And we're the last in line for justice, what's this?

Naw man, that ain't gon' work, yo, bust this

Black to the future, back to the past

History is a mystery, cause it has

All the info

You need to know

Where you're from, why'd you come

And that'll tell you where you're going

(We gotta unite

We gotta work together in unity and harmony)

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(Come on) (3x)

(Into the future)

Black to the future, what a funky concept
A poet with soul, brothers and sisters, let's step
Together in sync, just think about the outcome
We know where we're goin, because we know where we came from

A united state of mind

But not the kind

That the United States government fakes (Nope) They don't practise what they preach Maybe they don't believe in those false beliefs Themselves, and I can tell, cause they look scared To see us comin up, because they're not prepared

For a new breed of leaders

Eager and fired up

And tired of

The lies you feed us

So we just

(What?)

Got together like one nation under a groove Gettin down, and the funk of it can move And start a movement of self-improvement And before you know it, you went

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u-r-e

(Get on up)

(Come on)

(Get on up, brotherman)

(I want you to get on up)

I grab the mic with a kung-fu grip
So it don't slip, and come out on a positive black tip
Hip all my brothers and sisters to the real deal
With unity and knowledge I feel we'll
Uprise, who knows what lies
Ahead, but you can't see if you're livin with shut eyes
So realize, united we stand, divided we fall
Provided we all heed the call
Comin from the muslim, or the rasta man
Two forms of a positive blackman
W.E.B. Du Bois and Booker T
King and X, Farrakhan and Jesse
Men with means that differ

But their goals were equal To uplift African people Through violence or non-violence, I don't care As long as we get there (Where?)

Black to the future

(Into the future)

What a funky concept

[Man]Hey brother

Excuse me, man

I don't mean to bother you, man

But I -

Brother, you think I can get a little bit change from you?

[Jef]Some change, man?

[Man]Yeah man, I just need a little bit change, man

You give me some change

That's all I'm askin

[Jef]Aight man, I'm gon' give you this change, man

But I want you to listen to me for a second, alright?

[Man]Alright man, whatcha got to say?

[Jef]Brothers always talkin about change

Brothers'll change their clothes

To go out on the street and make some quick change

A brother might even kill another brother over the

wrong change

Brothers change from men to women

Brothers change their hair from natural to that damn

jherri curl

Brothers even change their eyes, man

Brothers always talkin bout change

Goin through changes

Changes, changes, changes

But when it come time for a real change

Brothers change their mind, man

[Man]Aw man, I - I hear you, man

Hey man, you gave me more change than I asked for

You must be one of them revolutionaries, man...

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