

## Mos Def "Fear Not of Man"

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[Mos Def]

Bismillah ir Rahman ir Raheem

If you can hear me ladies and gentlemen  
then I'm very happy that you came here..

Ooh-ooooooooooooohhhh, ooh-ooooooooooooohhh-  
WHEEEEE!!!

That was for Brooklyn..

Ha ha, we get it everytime

You got me on? Ohh

Shout out to all of my crew, East-West, North-South

All the continent, Europe, all abroad international

Bring it in, bring it in, bring it in, bring it in

It's a lot of things goin on y'all

21st century is comin

20th century almost done

A lot of things have changed

A lot of things have not, mainly us

We gon' get it together right? I believe that

Listen.. people be askin me all the time,

"Yo Mos, what's gettin ready to happen with Hip-Hop?"

(Where do you think Hip-Hop is goin?)

I tell em, "You know what's gonna happen with Hip-  
Hop?

Whatever's happening with us"

If we smoked out, Hip-Hop is gonna be smoked out

If we doin alright, Hip-Hop is gonna be doin alright

People talk about Hip-Hop like it's some giant livin in  
the hillside

comin down to visit the townspeople

We (are) Hip-Hop

Me, you, everybody, we are Hip-Hop

So Hip-Hop is goin where we goin

So the next time you ask yourself where Hip-Hop is goin  
ask yourself.. where am I goin? How am I doin?

Til you get a clear idea

So.. if Hip-Hop is about the people

and the.. Hip-Hop won't get better until the people get  
better

then how do people get better? (HMMMM...)

Well, from my understanding people get better  
when they start to understand that, they are valuable  
And they not valuable because they got a whole lot of  
money  
or cause somebody, think they sexy  
but they valuable caause they been created by God  
And God, makes you valuable  
And whether or not you, recognize that value is one  
thing  
You got a lot of socities and governments  
tryin to be God, wishin that they were God  
They wanna create satellites and cameras everywhere  
and make you think they got the all-seein eye  
Eh.. I guess The Last Poets wasn't, too far off

when they said that certain people got a God Complex  
I believe it's true  
I don't get phased out by none of that, none of that  
helicopters, the TV screens, the newscasters, the..  
satellite dishes.. they just, wishin  
They can't really never do that  
When they tell me to fear they law  
When they tell me to try to  
have some fear in my heart behind the things that they  
do  
This is what I think in my mind  
And this is what I say to them  
And this is what I'm sayin, to you check it

All over the world hearts pound with the rhythm  
Fear not of men because men must die  
Mind over matter and soul before flesh  
Angels for the pain keep a record in time  
which is passin and runnin like a caravan freighter  
The world is overrun with the wealthy and the wicked  
But God is sufficient in disposin of affairs  
Gunmen and stockholders try to merit my fear  
But God is sufficient over plans they prepared  
Mos Def in the flesh, where you at, right here  
on this place called Earth, holdin down my square  
Bout to do it for y'all, and y'all at the fair  
So just bounce, come on bounce  
B-b-bounce b-bounce b-bounce-bounce  
And just..  
.. just step two three  
Just step two three and  
step two..  
two three and..  
One two three and four  
One two three and four  
Once again

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Mos Def in the flesh, where you at, right here  
on this place called Earth, holdin down my square  
Bout to represent in your whole atmosphere  
Bout to represent in your whole atmosphere  
to your atmosphere, to your atmosphere  
Oh-ooooooooohhhhhhhhhhh!  
That was for you - and Brooklyn too!

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