

## **Mos Def**

# **"History"**

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Kweli say, "Everybody act according to the season that they born in"  
Some are the night, some are the morning, some at noon  
Some in winter, some in June, it's all cool, it's the natural  
The science is a jewel for me and mines, yours and you  
Let's move, tell you a little about mine, yo

I was born in a season where the world was quiet and cold  
Celebrations were going on  
Some were happy, some were sad  
Some felt bad from being good

Some felt good from being bad, feelings pass and change  
But they never leave, they here to stay  
Holiday, holiday, happy birthday, teenage love, the first cut run deep  
Soul on flesh, this is the Brooklyn streets

Year of the Ox, seven and three, M.D., the history  
Every soul got one of these, it's where you been and where you be  
And without understanding you cannot proceed  
Complete, it start then it end then it just go round again, again

Again and again, brand new  
Again and again, so fresh  
Again and again, newness

I was born in the decade of decadence  
Where they worship what they have, Ford was president  
Do the math, the war was ended  
When the North Vietnamese stormed the city of Saigon

We was like, "Bye", we was gone, let bygones be bygones  
I'm gone, spread love, it's the Brooklyn way

Where they hug you with the firearm side arm

Like new school clothes, Black Star official  
Smash when we do a show, it's facts, no mystery  
I'm down with the crew like Mussolini in Italy  
I rock with The Roots like the Giving Tree

Powerful, bigotry at work, me and my people got  
history  
These rappers dumb it down considerably  
We get it poppin' like a hit chorus  
The flow is historic, they can't get rid of us  
Ubiquitous and we lay the law like Leviticus  
Ten years ago we made history so they missing us

And don't call it a come back in particular  
Even if it blend into ephemera  
Or fade into peripheral transition of the minister's  
original  
We're broadcast clear without diminishing

Black Star stove top burning soul temperatures,  
administers  
Alkalines, aminos and minerals, it's sensuous  
Served over Dilla time signatures  
It's miracle material, remember it's right now  
foreverness

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