

Mos Def

"Life in Marvelous Times"

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Bright moments

Bright moments always come back vivid

The fifth great was epic citywide test pressure

The pre-crack era

Mr Schollmen, what a prick

Attitude matches wardrobe, uglier than sin

This is Bed-Stuy '82

Ninth floor, three tiny rooms, one view

Buck-town, Roosevelt house

They green grass is green, our green grass is brown

Shots rang, my phone wasn't touchtone

A heavy beef in the street, ET had to flee

Gray heavens, good grief

Hungry bellies, bright gold on they teeth

The windows on the Ave look like sad eyes

They fix their sharp gaze on you when you pass by

And if you dare to stand, you can see 'em cry

You can watch 'em scowl, feel 'em prowl

Wall and study every inch about you

Fast math measuring what you amount to

The laughter, the screams

The numeral, the song of psalms, the book of dreams

Ends don't meet where the arms can't reach mean streets

Even when it's free it ain't cheap

On going saga, terminal diagnosis

Basic survival requires super heroics

No space in the budget for a cake

It's when you gotta fly by night to save the day

Crash landings routinely happen

Some survive, others never rise from the ashes

Watching asphalt and observing the Sabbath

Creates an ecstatic and there you have it

From teenage love praying in tongue
Strange fruit, batty boots and native drums
From hence I come, so here we go
Signs and wonders all along the road

Some lies open, some lies close
Some stretchers role with no lies at all
Some riders don't know what they riding for
Hands on the wheel and their mind is gone

Wherever you ride, whatever your name
This raw cold life is a beautiful thing
And we are alive in amazing times
Delicate hearts, diabolical minds

Revelations, hatred, love and war
And more and more and more and more
And more of less than ever before
It's just too much more for your mind to absorb

It's scary like hell but there's no doubt
We can't be alive in no time but now

It's just a sure shot to the heart
It's just a sure shot in the dark
It's just another place in the star
[Incomprehensible]
Life in marvelous time, life in marvelous time

Right, everywhere all over the world
You can feel it, all over the world
Feel it, feel it rise everywhere

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Now

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