

## **Mos Def**

### **"Water"**

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There's nothing more refreshing (that cool refreshing drink)

Than a cool, crisp, clean glass of water

On a warm summer's day (That cool refreshing drink)

Try it with your friends

New World Water make the tide rise high

Come inland and make your house go "Bye" (My house!)

Fools done upset the Old Man River

Made him carry slave ships and fed him dead nigga

Now his belly full and he about to flood somethin

So I'ma throw a rope that ain't tied to nothin

til your crew use the H<sub>2</sub> in wise amounts since

it's the New World Water; and every drop counts

You can laugh and take it as a joke if you wanna

But it don't rain for four weeks some summers

And it's about to get real wild in the half

You be buying Evian just to take a fuckin bath

Heads is acting wild, sippin poor, puffin dank

Competin with the next man for higher playin rank

See I ain't got time try to be Big Hank,

Fuck a bank; I need a twenty-year water tank

Cause while these knuckleheads is out here sweatin they goods

The sun is sitting in the treetops burnin the woods

And as the flames from the blaze get higher and higher

They say, "Don't drink the water! We need it for the fire!"

New York is drinkin it (New World Water)

Now all of California is drinkin it (New World Water)

Way up north and down south is drinkin it (New World Water)

Used to have minerals and zinc in it (New World Water)

Now they say it got lead and stink in it (New World Water)

Fluorocarbons and monoxide

Push the water table lopsided

Used to be free now it cost you a fee

Cause oil tankers spill they load as they roam cross the sea

Man, you gotta cook with it, bathe and clean with it  
(That's right)  
When it's hot, summertime you fiend for it (Let em  
know)  
You gotta put it in the iron you steamin with (That's  
right)  
It's what they dress wounds and treat diseases with  
(Shout it out)  
The rich and poor, black and white got need for it  
(That's right)  
And everybody in the world can agree with this (Let em  
know)  
Consumption promotes health and easiness (That's  
right)  
Go too long without it on this earth and you leavin it  
(Shout it out)  
Americans wastin it on some leisure shit (Say word?)  
And other nations be desperately seekin it (Let em  
know)  
Bacteria washing up on they beaches (Say word?)  
Don't drink the water, son they can't wash they feet with  
it (Let em know)  
Young babies in perpetual neediness (Say word?)  
Epidemics hoppin up off the petri dish (Let em know)  
Control centers try to play it all secretive (Say word?)  
To avoid public panic and freakiness (Let em know)  
There are places where TB is common as TV  
Cause foreign-based companies go and get greedy  
The type of cats who pollute the whole shore line  
Have it purified, sell it for a dollar twenty-five  
Now the world is drinkin it  
Your moms, wife, and baby girl is drinkin it  
Up north and down south is drinkin it  
You should just have to go to your sink for it  
The cash registers is goin "cha-chink!" for it  
Fluorocarbons and monoxide  
Got the fish lookin cockeyed  
Used to be free now it cost you a fee  
Cause it's all about gettin that cash (Money)

Said it's all about gettin that cash (Money) (x9)  
Johny cash (Money)  
Rosanne Cash (Money)  
Give me cash (Money)  
Cold cash (Money)  
(Repeat to fade)

Cash rules everything around me,  
Move!

