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## **The Jungle Brothers** "Acknowledge Your Own History"

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You don't know who you are Look back into your past, brother Look back into your past, sister You don't know who you are Look back into your past, sister Look back into your past, brother

My forefather was a king He wore fat gold chains and fat ruby rings Nobody believes this to be true Maybe it's because my eyes ain't blue

You ain't gonna find it in your history book Come here, young blood and take a look You dig down deep inside this hard cover Don't you know you was bought, brother?

All you read about is slavery Never about the black man's bravery You look at the pictures and all they show is African people with bones in their noses That ain't true, that's a lie You didn't get that from my lemon pie

Yeah, I cut class, I got a D 'Cause history meant nothing to me Except a definite nap that's why I always sat in the back I'd talk to girls or write a rhyme 'cause I didn't know All times are black man's times

When I was young my mama told me stories Of black peoples' fight to bring us glory I used to think these were stories to put me to sleep But now I know mama's talk wasn't cheap Now I know Afrika's for Afrikaans And history's the blood of every woman and man

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search Trying to pull together the history of the people

Page one, page two, page three And still no signs of me Yeah, so I looked into the table of contents They wrote a little thing about us in the projects

The only history we make is if we kill somebody Rape somebody but other than that we're nobody Speaking like a brother living in the jungle I know I was here first but I remain humble

Now it's time to rekindle the fire A tribe of young brothers with the eye of the tiger Acknowledge your own, we have a home Put on this earth to live and roam

Christopher chose to explore Discovered America, yeah, sure He thought the planet was square Traveled many places but we already had been there

We left tracks, backtrack back First civilization, you know where that was found at Looking for the true black days of glory But you read in history, that's his story

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