

## A Tribe Called Quest F/ Busta Rhymes, Redman

### "The City is Mine"

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[Jay-Z]

Uh-uhh-uh, ge-ge-geyeah

Chorus: Blackstreet

You belong to the city (Uh-uhh-uh, what what)

You belong to the night (Uh-uhh-uh, ge-ge-geyeah)

In the river of darkness

He's a man of the night

Verse One: Jay-Z

Uhh, yeah

What the deal playboy, just rest your soul

I be holding it down yo still love the dough

Got these ladies on the cock now you know how we go

Got the whole world on lock down you know how we

flow

Don't worry about Brooklyn I continue to flame

Therefore a world with amnesia won't forget your name

You held it down long enough, let me take those reigns

And just like your spirit the commision remains

Niggaz can cross the T's and, dots the I's

Now that I got too popular to cop them pies

I'm takin this rap shit serious, to my demise

Jay shit's like cake mix, watch me rise

Basics in the basement, waste it

Asking my dog for advice so when he can't say shit

my hatred is, fueled just give me a sign

And I let the world know that the city is mine, what?

Chorus: Blackstreet

You belong to the city (The city is mine, what-what-what)

You belong to the night (Ge-ge-geyeah, uh-uhh-uh, pa-pau)

In the river of darkness

He's a man of the night (The city is mine, that's right...)

Verse Two: Jay-Z

Y'all want to know how I flow just seek and you find  
I'm like a brain in the voicebox, I speak my mind  
About to redefine rap mami, either I'm  
the illest nigga doing it or these niggaz is losin it  
I read a article that said I was ruinin shit  
But every time I look, I'm movin units in quick  
So I'ma hit y'all, with these last two and split  
and leave niggaz with nothing but my influences-es  
Soon it's the jigga, I ain't mad yeah, bite my shit  
Sell half of what I sell because it's not quite my shit  
I'm the type to buy a Roley and just ice my shit  
on the spot, fuck comin back twice to shit  
How real is that? My floss game, still intact  
Boss game, you lame dudes can't feel that  
Like the first dude to cop the 850 and 89  
and drove it up to 55th, the city is mine, what?

Chorus: Blackstreet

You belong to the city (The city is mine)  
You belong to the night (Yeah, uhh, the city is mine)  
In the river of darkness (Pa-pa, feel me)  
He's a man of the night (Yeah, yeah, bounce, bounce)

Verse Three: Jay-Z

I snatch your girl cause your arm ain't strong enough  
Plus ya don't stay in the studio long enough  
I make hits while y'all stay hatin and take bricks  
Had it locked til I came in the club, Take 6  
Got your chick cause you swore she was innocent  
Got her a Chinese manicure hair done by Dominicans,  
all for what  
So I could be in a dark corner, all in the butt  
at the bar alchoholing her up  
I represent the lifestyle of those who thirst cream  
A buck fifty a shot, Louis the Thirteenth  
Jay-Z, Roc-A-Fella yo, know the name  
I ain't a player get it right, I'm controllin the game  
From now until they blow holes in my frame  
I'ma stand firm, holdin my aim, feel me?  
I'm the focal, point like Biggie in his prime  
on the low though - shhhhh, the city is mine!

Chorus w/ variations to end

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