

The Roots

"Quills"

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Yeah, uhh, uhh, uhh

Don't stop tonight
(Uhh, don't stop yo)
(Cheeba cheeba yo, soul shock yo, hah)
You know it's [Incomprehensible] day, yeah
(Give it everything you got, yo)
(Once again it's time, it's time)
It's time to ride
(It's time to ride, ride, ride)

Yo, piss in the staircase, blood on the pavement
I fill the quills with it, let it spill on the pages
Compose another anthem for the killers and manglers
Villains and wranglers, fifth still in the chamber

Shit, I'm scientific, but my reflex's gangsta
Pull outrageous arms from the floor of the basement
Then bust 'nuff talons, if my people's in danger
I'm Larry Davis, duckin' helicopter, hoverin'
government agents

We muscle the language, what we spit
Will leave your shit in utter amazement
I'm hot brolic call it contagious, the shit, The Roots
started
Got these other artists going through changes

My vision is the strangest, the rhythm is anguish
Y'all niggaz on the titty in your formative stages
Is something in the iris and the way I spit
That tell these other crab rappers, I ain't fo' no shit

Black traumatic, so there you have it
My battin' average, abort full of graphic assault, it's all
classic
Though, put ass backwards, rappers in a small
package
Experience is all that is, I'm well established

Me and the mic in holy matrimony like a marriage
The technique in your reach, if only you could have it

For me, it's automatic, it's natural, I'm mad thorough
Poet for hired pack metal, you feel me?

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Yo, the load heavy, we walk around a little edgy
All ready and steady, withdrawal like Darryl Strawberry,
it figures
Niggaz mad from them ghetto sandwiches and swine
Cryin' hard times, disadvantageous, man listen

The story in the ghetto, the same
Seem like it's just some things that never will change
Give birth to a style and won't give it a name
Talk 'bout consciousness, it's a different thing

Envision again, the honorable 'Riq, General Hannibal
speak
The understandable diabolique, animal style
Out of your dreams, kids, you're proud that you've
seen this
Fifth supreme linguist, a lyrical genius

Inject you with the broke down English
The most freshest and cleanest, three G's, guess what
the fame is?
Kareem beat's makin' me fiendish
Don't act shaky and squeamish, if you real make me
believe it, nigga

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Yo, the rebel Che Guevara, you felt another date
You better don't copped off, create it just saved your
cheddar
I hit the studio with a pen and a vendetta
Sippin' an ice cold Beck, huffin' the tenth letter

Driftin', shots lickin' while the plot thickens
Sands in the hourglass thinnin', the last inning
The flash and the cash and the fast women
It's nothing, a lust for a crab, keep the passion in it

Blow, kissin' my tablet with firing pins
Poke holes in the plastic for oxygen
MCs jumpin' out shoes and socks again
Must have seen their face in the news, it's gots to been

Hella, thought known as the cure for cancer
Same corrupt city as Mumia the Panther
Man to man, hammer cocked, blocked and standoff
Bang, gunfire slang up in the dance hall

Yo, I hold the mic that could be thrown as a pipe bomb
Bring it just to sling it at your favorite icon
Think about my music, is it ain't shit like y'all?
Though, diesel like a twenty-eight inch python

You know, what I was sayin'?
When I'm on the mic, there won't be no delayin'

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