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Talib Kweli "5 AM In Brooklyn"

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Y'all niggas soft, b, y'all niggas soft, b, you're spoiled Used to be you had to go look for your hip hop Now you served it on a silver fucking platter So now y'all niggas overly concerned with how a nigga look

What a nigga wear, who a nigga fuck

That's soft shit, b What part of the game is that? But I love these niggas I approach all my niggas with love, man I approach all these niggas, with love man Why? Why?

Love never fails, fuck your fairy tales I'm never scared, busting through this rap shit very well I lay to hear my shit bang, turn the levels up The party over for you niggas, time to settle up All of a sudden y'all wanna know my opinion But a nigga been official, I'm holding down my position Looking for the answers, ain't no solution, there's not a problem

They tryina turn up, my catalogue speaks volumes When I say I'm a man of the people I really mean it I don't just mean the people that I agree with Now I could probably use some tact and some proper diction

But that's why I'm an artist, not a politician And that's why I'm the hardest regardless If you think I'm a prisoner of conscious I illicit certain responses

To make me the poorest choice to be backed by a corporate sponsor

So I'm independent as fuck and my company flow get working

Sometimes I get exhausted, there ain't no rest for the weary

I never forfeit, I'm ill until the coffin

It's lower than to the ground, they say the lion left a paw print

Body of work is so vast, so enormous

Y'all niggas ain't about shit, get your mouth split Blood dripping all out your lip on your outfit Talking all that loud shit, I'm thorough as you say you

are

Niggas twist your words so I gotta watch what I say on blogs

These niggas leaving comments but they scared to at me

Put in the work that I put in and then holla at me I got love for every artist, I'm more than just a product I've been to prison to see Mumia, I've been to Cuba to see Assata

Way before Mr. and Mrs. Carter went on a dinner date I had to send the lyrics ahead of time before I hit the stage

So scrutiny is not new to me, I just usually Only respect the opinion of those suggesting unity Love hip hop, stop it, I don't believe you

And loving hip hop don't got nothing to do with either Caught up in the gossip and rumors you not consumers So I'm shitting on these niggas like Revenge of Montezuma

If you demand it trust the market will supply it They complain about the music but they never fucking buy it

I kinda get it though, we asking them to cop it And they probably like, 'Why? You waking up in a new Bugatti'

Shout to Future, this for my chicks who rocking the scots with the poodle

And party down like Addie Scott on Hulu

Set to wake these niggas up like cock-a-doodle-doo 'Cause my spit more ludicrous than Shaka Zulu

These pseudo-intellectual metrosexuals try to confuse you

And knock you off your schedule putting death on a pedestal

But rhyming describes the times of rising, they send the federal

Buildings by cowards capitalizing on our confusion Now we trapped in speculation, the caterpillar, the butterfly

Who get blinded by the light while they stripping us of our rights

I'm not giving up on the fight or set 'em up with the left Then knock 'em out with the right

I be rocking the shit for life, yeah

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