

## Talib Kweli "Africa Dream"

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If you can talk you can sing  
If you can walk you can dance  
That's an old proverb from Zimbabwe  
You know what I mean?

If you can talk you can sing  
If you can walk you can dance  
Yeah, and the trumpet is blown  
Yeah, alright, c'mon, c'mon, c'mon, c'mon  
Alright

Yeah, yeah, yeah, uh, one more time  
Yo, anybody can tell you how it is  
What we putting down right here is  
How it is and how it could be  
Reflection Eternal for real  
And with that

These cats is no match  
Plus they lack a certain knack for rapping  
Chasing but they never catch the wagon  
Like rerunning what's hap'ning

Since back when  
They had potty issues and snotty tissues, we been  
rockin'  
Think you poppin' next year nobody will miss you  
My thoughts is too advanced for the artists on these  
labels

They come sweeter than sabal and softer than mashed  
potatoes  
I tried to told you the rhymes run over emcees like  
Land Rovers  
Took 'em back in time like Sankofa, Sankofa

We stand over the Atlantic, looking broad like a man's  
shoulders  
The fire is trapped in a belly, ready to pop like canned  
soda  
We outlasting, from middle passage, touched down in  
New York

Cincinnati, Big Ohio status what you thought

Money it's classic these bastards try to treat us like  
cattle

So life has been a constant battle, battle  
Rising above the crabs in the barrel  
Way too used to living in death's shadow  
We stay on point like the best arrow, arrow

We hit the target accurate star, shit, back it up  
When we hit town, y'all niggas pack it up  
That's how we get down, straight smash it up  
Like a whip, hydro planning, hydro on the brain and  
maintaining

Game changing into subtle shit, we remain blatant  
Yo, got to tell you to your face  
You get replaced in this game, by Kweli  
Place the face with the name

These cats drink champagne and toast to death and  
pain  
Like slaves on a ship talking about who got the fliest  
chain

Yo, we the reflection of our ancestors  
We'd like to thank you for the building blocks you left  
us  
'Cause your spirit possessed us  
Yo, you blessed us

Thank you very much  
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Thank you very much  
God bless you  
God bless you  
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God bless you  
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