

## Talib Kweli "Back Up Offa Me"

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Woe, yeah, yeah, when you doing you and you real fly  
wit it  
It's like niggas always wanna check you, no what I'm  
sayin'?  
Always wanna make sure you keepin' it real, keepin' it  
real nigga  
Nigga, do you

Back up offa me  
(Hi-tek)  
Back up offa me  
Won't you, get out my face? Better stay in ya place  
Fed up, how much can I take? Yo, you need to just  
Back up offa me  
(Here we go yaw)  
Back up offa me

I got money to make and not a minute to waste  
I need space when I'm trying to create, you need to just  
Back up offa me  
(See me in the cut)  
Back up offa me  
(Tryin' to roll up)  
Back up offa me  
(Oh we can roll up)  
Back up offa me  
(Hey yo, muthafucker hold up)

Tone, what is this? I know he ain't talkin'  
This is grown man business, be your own man  
Stand up on ya feet, I thought we was homies  
But ya coming at me like you don't know me  
You think you do, well you're probably wrong  
I'm surrounded my babies than Ashanti songs  
Oh baby, I know ya don't get it  
Ya trying to walk in my shoes, I know you won't fit it  
Just 'cause I know you and ya flow too  
There's more to it, you won't get it

I don't owe you, you want Hi Tek to do a record for you  
So niggas is checking for you  
Comfortable, 'cause niggas get respected for you

Get your own respect Duke, that ain't mean or evil  
(Nope)  
Ain't no crutches in the crew, my crew a crew of equals  
(Yup)  
Shit was cool when we was teen-agers, we grown men  
You my people, but I don't need you moanin' and  
groanin'  
I can't feed you, I already gotta kid  
How a nigga try to regulate that's not his?  
I ain't trying to sign I'm just the artist nigga  
I'm just trying to rhyme and go the hardest, nigga

Back up offa me  
(Hi-Tek)  
Back up offa me  
Won't you, get out my face? Better stay in ya place  
Fed up, how much can I take? Yo, you need to just  
Back up offa me  
(Yeah)  
Back up offa me

I got money to make and not a minute to waste  
I need space when I'm trying to create you need to just  
Back up offa me  
(See me in the cut)  
Back up offa me  
(Tryin' to roll up)  
Back up offa me  
(We can roll up)  
Back up offa me  
(Hey yo, muthafucker hold up)

Radio suckers never play me 'cause I don't let them  
They're like a pimp only hoes sweat them  
When I do a show I like to catch the ladies eyes  
Dodge the paparazzi, I don't want to see no lady die  
Sports, entertainment, academics, business or politics  
Ya find hoes that swallow dick for dollars quick  
Young broads, roll up in gangs, like the Young Lords  
Jump off, statutory rape, now you done for

What, you thought that your shorty was going to act her  
age?  
No, right now, somebody's daughter is backstage  
(Yup)  
It's a master-slave relationship, but guess who's Toby?  
(Yup)  
It's the white girl in Colorado, but guess who's Kobe?  
Tried to tell you not to fuck with these debutants  
That's more Kobe beef than Japanese restaurants  
Don't need diseases or cases, ain't trying to catch

nothing  
And when they're throwing pussy best believe you  
catching something  
(Hey)

Back up offa me  
(How hot is that?)  
Back up offa me  
(Hey)  
Won't you, get out my face? Better stay in ya place  
I'm fed up, how much can I take? Yo, you need to just  
Back up offa me  
(Yeah, hey)  
Back up offa me

I got money to make and not a minute to waste  
I need space when I'm trying to create you need to just

Yeah man, this nigga  
(Shh)  
Back up off you  
Nigga, you talkin' bout me, know what I'm sayin'?  
I know that nigga talkin' bout me, know what I'm sayin'  
man?  
Who you think put him on? Okay, I put him on  
(Back up offa me)  
Talib Kweli  
That's supposed to be his rap name or somethin' like  
that?  
Nigga's name is Henry Abernathy, that's his real name  
Henry Abernathy, from 51st Street  
He just gonna go out there and get money with out me  
(Ya know)  
But I gotta book of rhymes, I gotta book of rhymes  
Ya know what I'm sayin'?  
(Back up offa me)  
Back up off you, you need to back up off me  
But I'm serious, if he come back around the block  
If he come back around the block  
If he comes in my line at the grocery store  
I tell ya right now, as soon as I bag his groceries  
Ya know what I'm sayin'? I'm a take lika-lika little  
snapple bottle  
And just crack him across his forehead  
And I'll be like, yeah Talib

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