

## Talib Kweli

### "The Beast"

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(feat. Papoose)

[Intro-Talib Kweli]

Dave, this a monster

[Chorus-Talib Kweli]

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[Verse 1-Papoose]

Knowledge is the founder of everything in existence

If you not droppin' knowledge about us it's 'cause you  
ig'nant

A top-notch scholar wit honors, I'm so gifted

Live is the most vicious, honest and prolific

I drop diabolical broilic wit no gimmick

Astonish the flow critics, rhyme wit the most lyrics

I paint pictures, jot it and dot it but won't print it

My ? is photogenic, I am the most vivid

Man, I got a brain the size of the most biggest

Wide as them cold rivers, wise as them old niggaz

Tired of this, though, half of you rhyme it but don't live  
it

Watch it and go spit it, stop it, I know Physics

Breakin' yo physical, demolishin' yo spirit

The struggle got me thinkin' demonic and so wicked

Man, I'm so deep I'm bottomless, yo, kill it

Wise wit the flow, rhyme about Hymen, it's so

senseless

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[Verse 2-Talib Kweli]

Live New York rap, stay away from the pork crap  
Actin' like you all that, get smacked if you talk back  
Spiritual like Rakim on ice, like Kane with the females  
Slick Rick and Biggie Smalls attention to detail  
Political like PE, I'm spittin' fire like Ice Cube  
Kweli and Ice do 'til you start fuckin' wit my fool  
Rap 'll set the right mood, fin' to blow like a light fuse  
You might lose, ya chance of winnin' slimmer than a  
size two  
Plus, the shit you kick so wack niggaz ready to fight you  
Fuck rap, you better off wit spoken word kickin' Haiku  
Or rhymes got teeth that'll bite you, make it clearer  
than white booze  
You ain't special, there's a million rappers like you  
Far from clumsy, but I drop lines and spill bars  
Smoke more trees and be around more Black chicks  
than Bill Maher  
Peel a card off the deck, this that real hard Hip-Hop shit  
Niggaz feel y'all, it's real, y'all

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[Verse 3-Talib Kweli]

The Beast is out when the police is out  
They be pullin' out and really showin' you what  
peace/piece about  
Upholdin' the law that's designed to keep my people  
down  
Bourgeois niggaz walkin' around like everything is  
equal now  
I'm peepin' how from the beat cop to the Interstate  
trooper  
To the Feds who put a price on the side of head of  
Cuba, B  
Protectin' the property value over the people life  
To take action against a foul government is the people  
right  
But not too many ready to fight  
It's like you'd rather be at home watchin' a flick or a  
fight  
Or maybe Nick-At-Nite  
It's sick how I'm addicted to mics, become a flickerin'  
light  
After I spark I'm always ready to write  
Where I'm from, they be watchin' us, but we be watchin'  
them  
And bust shots 'til the coppers bring the choppers in  
The squad cars try to box me in  
But I got knowledge of self and it's stronger than any  
cage you can lock me in

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[Outro-Talib Kweli]

A lot of different Beasts or demons roamin' the planet  
And they surface at any given time  
You never know when they can surface and come right  
up out of you  
No matter how righteous you think you are

Situation could go down when you forced  
To let The Beast out

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