## Tanya Stephens "Way Back"

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Ladies and gentlemen, I want to invite you on a journey I sincerely hope you are in a mood to travel right now 'Cause we're going back in time Are you ready?

I wanna take you way back
To when a girl on a mike?s worth
Wasn?t determined by the length of her skirt
I mean way back to creativity before MTV, before BET

I mean way back before recycling shit When the props that you got was for your writing and shit

Let?s rewind before the hype when you used to be low key

To be a singer you had to actually know key

I mean way back to before people made a job Of seeing who?s best at impersonating Bob I mean way back to when you sweat blood on every line To get one good song didn?t cost sixteen ninety nine

To be considered deep you had to actually say stuff And if it wasn?t good, disc jockeys didn?t play stuff I mean way way, Marvin Gaye way back and I pray that you will

Come with me, let us journey past this melody Give us room to exercise our minds Take me to another place, another time, better hooks, better rhymes Stronger lyrics every line, you could even press rewind

Come with me, let us journey past this fallacy Give us room to exercise our minds Take you to another place, another time, better hooks, better rhymes Stronger lyrics every line, you could even press rewind

Well, it?s ironic that the chronic that I smoke Got me singing shit that?s bionic every note That it?s affecting my judgment is what some people would hope
But I?m not tripping, I?m on a journey, come along now
let?s float

I used to be excited going to the record store
But these days I stay pacing the floor
Somebody please take me back to when the artistes
were poor
'Cause when they made less they gave us so much

Let?s take it back to a ballroom, cloudy microphone Smokey Robinson, Nina Simone James Brown was still occupying the throne When the songs weren?t sold off videos alone

Way back to when a star attitude wasn?t defined By somebody being rude To when it was a pleasure definitely not a task To greet a fan with a smile and sign a damn autograph

I mean way back to before you used to drive the Maybach

You dreamt about a mil but never made that When you made some shit that we could play back

I mean way back to a whole ?nother time Further back than your granddad?s hairline I mean way back, won't you say that you will

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And it came to pass in the glorious days of charts That the music hailed and we danced to it And threw a party but in our hearts we knew the musicians failed

And then came along brothers, Napster and Aimster And though they were definitely wrong I think it's worse To be forced to buy a whole bullshit album Just to get that one good song, can I get an Amen

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