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The Wilkinsons "Shadows on the Sun"

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(We'd like to capture your minds right now)

(What you say)

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(Take you a little bit higher)

(What you say) (3X)

[VERSE 1] I like the snares loud enough to make your eyes blink from it Only male with the Holy Grail, drink from it I keep an eye on heaven and a ear to the street And spread a thick layer of blood, sweat and tears on the beats My brain rest upon the hip-hop lexicon That I acquired in the decade of work that people slept upon

l don't rap, l recite the prayers of the inner soul Of the slave ships' human cargo

Seemingly meaningless rappers flood the market With shit that make me pace in my room until I rip the carpet

I'm fit to start up this next millennium Swingin the grappling hook at cackling crooks to finish em

The city dweller sendin telegrams from Neverland The better man (?) kindly join the caravan We're like a rock band that pack contraband And won't hesitate to stomp a man into the rocks and sand

Brother Ali, and if you haven't heard about me I'm flyin just beneath your radar so y'all can doubt me Stay on the sonar with crowbars to open minds

There's a ladder you're supposed to climb

Approach a Rhymesayer with a Buggsy Siegel sized ego

You gon' get yourself snatched out the sky, you know the steelo

By now, where, what, why and how

We start the revolution real time, right now

[CHORUS]

Yes, leave it to me to create hope where there was none

The human being shall cast shadows on the sun Leave it to me to create hope where there was none My inner soul shall cast shadows on the sun Just leave it to me to create hope where there was none The human being shall cast shadows on the sun Leave it to me to create hope where there was none My inner soul shall, my inner light shall..

[VERSE 2]

I rhyme for cats up in the harbor lights Prayin they don't starve tonight And stay positive in the face of a harder life My chorus light the torch for those on whom the sun set Verses meant to speak for the voiceless So let us never be dismayed or afraid The ground we're walkin on is stained With the blood of those before us who came Soldiers in this freedom movement are too numerous to name

Cause the human soul yearns to be free, it's all the same

I rhyme for runaways prayin that they see another day You gotta make it through the winter to feel some summer days

It's for my natives, it's history in the way their hair is braided

Elephants never forget, that's how they say it Tell my man [Name] in prison keep grinnin because he's innocent

And tell him that the tests we get are heaven-sent Listen, I rap for the ones that Johnny Cash wore, the black, for

Black and white women that were turned to crackhores And I empty everything in the bank to give for it I empty all the days of my life to live for it And I empty all the blood in my veins to fight for it So I empty all the ink in this pen to write for it

[CHORUS]

[VERSE 3]

I glance in the sky and see the same cloud configuration

That Nat Turner saw the day they hanged him Resisted in the face of adversity with a fist and it was raised

One finger extended, meaning Allah be praised

Spent days in Heaven's embassy On Qu'ran pages Allah explains this legacy Angels doubted Adam, Jacob's brothers clapped him And ancient Pharaohs were too brutal to fathom If all the earth's oceans were ink and the trees were pens You could never write the knowledge of God, it never ends And I know it feels like the whip wounds will never mend But it's the way of makin the oppressed prevalent men We standin with humanity at destiny's door Chanting the war cry, it goes, "Never no more" So if y'all tryina talk about the horrors you see Feel free to tell your stories through me

[CHORUS]

There's only one God and he's not just above There's only one man and there's only one love Till everybody gets what I instill in my seed For that y'all, we willin to bleed There's only one God and he's not just above There's only one woman and there's only one love We doin this till all of Adam's children are freed And for that y'all, we willin to bleed

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