

## **Lateef and Lyrics Born**

### **"Bad News"**

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Chorus : Bad News travels fast / and if it's about you  
you'll probably hear

'bout it last / but when they press up / and check up /  
and they ask / you

gotta keep perspective on the future and the past / and  
laugh / while they

keep talkin' / talk talk talkin' / chicken heads keep  
squawkin' / power

of the spoken word is infinite / you can tell / cuz people  
are always

talking / talking on the run talking while walking, /  
talking in line,

talking in circles, / talking in time all over the world /  
talkin' 'bout

whatever's on their mind- that's fine / talkin' 'bout who  
they hawkin, who

they watchin, who they clockin, / who they heard was up  
to something

poppin' / always talkin' about who they remember and  
who's forgotten /

who's rockin' the set and who's floppin', droppin' out /  
talkin' 'bout

people from the cradle to the coffin / talkin' 'bout  
people, talkin' 'bout

people, talkin' 'bout people, / talkin' 'bout people non-  
stop talkin' often

/Chorus /People talk shit / their minds reinforce it /  
spittin' out words

and thoughts that are amorphous / pushin' sloppy  
sound out of their vocal

orifice / like it ain't bein' recorded / sometimes a words  
scorch is worse

than torches / whats more / is the talk aint uniform or  
rehearsed / it's

the richest, the poorest,/ from CEO boardrooms to  
porches to alley ways and

gutters / from coast to coast, east to west, south to  
north / it's people

talking of course! / like life is a courtroom / most  
bullshittin' from

midnight to high noon and back again / Blacks and the  
Blacker thans /

Whites and the Africans / far to little action far to much  
satisfaction /

in philanderin' usin' sex like a sedative / repetitive like  
rhetoric / I'm

bettin' ya think ya nice cuz you give free add-vice  
right? / but unless you

got a tight alternative it's best to let it just live! / and  
raise the

octave up to the positive / even though they try and  
stop you up / arteries

clogged / the Black man targeted that's how they set  
it off, they said it

/ but in the end it will be only them that's effected by  
they negative vibe

/ I know it hurts, there is no indigestion worse /than that  
which comes

from having to eat your own word(s), / I heard two(2)  
people need not

bicker in a burning home / but some people know how  
to live everybodies

life but their own so, / here's the poem dedicated / to  
the hatred

propagated by the ill-fated / snakes that's waitin' in  
grass / those that

talk the most got the least to say / but that ain't nothin'  
new / and it

ain't even really all that

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