

New Agenda

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It ain't nothin' but an us thang
And it's time for us to step it up and respect
(Amen)
That level of sisterhood
That's been holding up our neighborhood
And if it wasn't for our mothers
There would be no brothers
(Amen)
And if it wasn't for our sisters
There would be no misters
So it ain't nothin' but a us thang
She's strong and that's a fact
Now it's time for us to take up the slack
Step it up, step it up, time to go to work
History hidden from me
(Hey)
To hide my identity
So I'd never feel
I am somebody
You've gouged my eyes
I see more clearly
You've tried to rob
My humanity
(Oh now)
My spirit you tried to break
(No)
My soul you tried to take
(I took)
There's no need to be afraid
'Cause I won't do unto you now
(Amen)
(Hey)
All that we've been through
(Turn your body down)
Our time has come to rejoice
(Oh)
A new agenda's due
(Amen)
It's time to know the truth
(You don't wannabe)
Our time has come to rejoice
(Rejoice)
A new agenda's due
Step it up, step it up, better check this up
I think it's best we protect what we have got left
(No, no)

Because of my gender
(No)
I've heard no too many times
Because of my race
I've heard no too many times
(No, no)
But with every no
(No)
I grow in strength
(That is why)
That is why
African-American woman
I stand tall with pride
(I stand tall with pride) You want to know what it takes
(Wanna know)
To rid yourself of me now
There's nothing you can do
Accept me for who I am now (Amen)
All that we've been through
(Hey)
Our time has come to rejoice
(Yeah)
A new agenda's due Check it out, check it out, gotta check it out
Listen to me gotta check it out, come on we will do it now
Come on, come on step it up Amen
All that we've been through
(Step it up)
Our time has come to rejoice
A new agenda's due Amen
(Everybody, everybody)
It's time to know the truth
Our time has come to rejoice
(Hey)
A new agenda's due Step it up, step it up, this time step it up
Step it up, check it up, come on Time to step it up, step it up
Better check yourself
I get vexed to protect what we got
Left her alone
Lookin' for your own
Here it is I know what I'm sayin'
But the klan ain't playin' at the range
Gotta step it up us to discuss a must
It ain't nothin' but an us thang
Rewind back to the time
Where the color of our mother

Had 'em call it a crime
Brother what in the world?
And the world says where is the black man
Support the woman and children
Time to step it up, step it up, it's playoff time
And the rhyme go to check, so check yourself Amen
(Step it up, step it up)
A new agenda's due(Amen)
All that we've been through
Our time has come to rejoice
(Oh)
A new agenda's due
(C'mon step it up)(Amen)
It's time to know the truth
(Give all a bit)
Our time has come to rejoice
(Respect)
A new agenda's due(Amen)
(All that we've been through)
All that we've been through
(Yeah)
Our time has come to rejoice
(This is our time)
A new agenda's due Amen
(Hey)
It's time to know the truth
(It's time to know the truth)
Our time has come to rejoice
(Our time has come to rejoice)
(It's time to know the truth)
A new agenda's due
(Respect) Amen
All that we've been through
Our time has come to rejoice

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