

# Fear Not of Man

Mos Def

Bismillah ir Rahman ir Raheem  
If you can hear me, Ladies and Gentlemen  
Then I'm very happy that you came here  
Ooh ooh, ooh ooh, we  
That was for Brooklyn  
Ha ha, we get it every time  
You got me on? Ohh  
Shout out to all of my crew, East-West, North-South  
All the continent, Europe, all abroad international  
Bring it in, bring it in, bring it in, bring it in  
It's a lot of things goin' on y'all  
21st century is comin', 20th century almost done  
A lot of things have changed, a lot of things have not, mainly us  
We gon' get it together right? I believe that  
Listen, people be askin' me all the time  
Yo Mos, what's gettin' ready to happen with Hip-Hop?  
(Where do you think Hip-Hop is goin'?)  
I tell 'em, "You know what's gonna happen with Hip-Hop?  
Whatever's happening with us"  
If we smoked out, Hip-Hop is gonna be smoked out  
If we doin' alright, Hip-Hop is gonna be doin' alright  
People talk about Hip-Hop like it's some giant livin' in the hillside  
Comin' down to visit the townspeople, we are Hip-Hop  
Me, you, everybody, we are Hip-Hop  
So Hip-Hop is goin', where we goin'  
So the next time you ask yourself where Hip-Hop is goin'  
Ask yourself, where am I goin'? How am I doin'?"  
Til you get a clear idea  
So, if Hip-Hop is about the people  
And the Hip-Hop won't get better until the people get better  
Then how do people get better?  
Well, from my understanding people get better  
When they start to understand that, they are valuable  
And they not valuable because they got a whole lot of money  
Or 'cause somebody, think they sexy  
But they valuable 'cause they been created by God  
And God, makes you valuable  
And whether or not you, recognize that value is one thing  
You got a lot of societies and governments  
Tryin' to be God, wishin' that they were God  
They wanna create satellites and cameras everywhere  
And make you think they got the all-seein' eye  
Eh, I guess the last poets wasn't, too far off  
When they said that certain people got a God Complex  
I believe it's true  
I don't get phased out by none of that, none of that  
Helicopters, the TV screens, the newscasters, the  
Satellite dishes, they just, wishin'  
They can't really never do that  
When they tell me to fear they law  
When they tell me to try to  
Have some fear in my heart behind the things that they do  
This is what I think in my mind

And this is what I say to them  
And this is what I'm sayin', to you check it All over the world hearts pound with the rhythm  
Fear not of men because men must die  
Mind over matter and soul before flesh  
Angels for the pain keep a record in time Which is passin' and runnin' like a caravan freighter  
The world is overrun with the wealthy and the wicked  
But God is sufficient in disposin' of affairs  
Gunmen and stockholders try to merit my fear But God is sufficient over plans they prepared  
Mos Def in the flesh, where you at, right here  
On this place called Earth, holdin' down my square  
'Bout to do it for y'all, and y'all at the fair So just bounce, come on bounce  
B-b-bounce, b-bounce, b-bounce-bounce  
And just, just step two three  
Just step two three and Step two, two three and  
One two three and four  
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'Bout to represent in your whole atmosphere 'Bout to represent in your whole atmosphere  
To your atmosphere, to your atmosphere  
Oh ooh  
That was for you and Brooklyn too

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