Keep the Beat

Eric B. & Rakim

She asked could I keep the beat
So heres the beat, everytime it pounds you get weak
Comfy, imbedded like a pillow, bouncin' wit an echo
My voice is moist and plus mellowI got it going on, youre gonna wanna come
Skins is the drum, said Im the drummer
Give the drummer some and well see if you can hang wit ra
Hmm, lets see if you can shangrilaEasy like Tina Marie I play it slick
Like Rick James, Im the fire in your desires flames
I heat up your temperature keep the tempo raw
When you start to smoke, rest assuredI start to think cause youre a singer like Anita
High pitched like a tweeter, deep beats start to beat her
Much harder than love taps, my raps above that
I get girls where I want wit a maze full of love trapsBut I dont want to fall in love
I stand in love, good balanced wit a plan to shove
Accapella as we start to speak
Heart to heart and cheek to cheek then I complete the beatTempos movin' and Im hopin' itll never fade away
The beat is groovin', words are soothin'
And please tell me that youre here to stay
In the mornin' and Im hopin' the mornin' come again
Hold me close and give me another dose
And keep the beat dont ever let it endShe said, ah, so far, you didnt miss a beat yet
Pop in another cassette, then Im in to wreck
Ill give you a beat you never had before
I had to explore and came up wit moreDeep trunk kicks wit a brick for a drum stick
You know the song, dont hum along, come quick
You lay like sade, it feels like paradise
At the top of the pyramid, we review new heightsThe scenery of Egypt, you and me as we get
So deep in the groove, when you move, you get seasick
You seen enough, close your eyes and relax
Move wit the tracks and stay tuned for the saxThe instrumental, enters your mental
Tense but gentle and sentimental
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So I kept splurging and add more words in

Strong, the emotion, notions move
And the poetrys smoking, potions soothingThere goes the moon, Im far from done
Rise like the sun, here comes the sun
And I wont stop til it sets and then
Rewind the cassettes and Ima play it againBut this time its instrumental at a faster tempo
All I wanna hear is yea rakim, go
I work overtime on your body and mind
Cause Im incline to do both combinedMy job is never done but done well
Horizontal or parallel
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