

Black Steel

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They wanted me for their army or whatever
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About a brother like myself because I never did
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I am a black man and I could never be a veteran
On the strength of situations, I'm real
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