## **Going Hard**

## Talib Kweli

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The bullets starts to spray the revolution starts today You say you never scared there's kids in other countries

Making jerseys, jeans, and sneakers they could never wear

Parents never there, they're busy building homes

They can't afford to buy, cars they can't afford to drive

Working jobs that don't support their lifeYou busy screaming gangsta, gangsta all that talk is strife

You already know lost the fight if you don't know the cost of life

These kids is forced to fight a war they can't outrun

Ain't got no shoes but got a gun

Now where the fuck he pulled that out from?People ask me how we wearing diamonds

When there's little kids in Sierra Leone

Losing arms for crying while they mining

Probably an orphan who's momma died of aidsHe built a coffin working often but he never paid

Forever slaving in the world that's forever cold

Becoming the man of the house at 11 years old

This reality rap, I get inside the mentality that

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Middle passages, I can't go back again

Battlin' years of denied history, lies and mysteries

Wives with misty eyes watchin' their husbands be beaten viciouslyBattle in the wilderness of North America

Run by the river, only stoppin' to pray chased by predators

Terrorists with etiquette who vote and kill their president

Their capacity for evil so evident and prevalentAin't no hesitation involved, a nation dissolved

While we sit back waitin' to evolve

Those who would trade in their freedom

For their protection deserve neither

Not a name, not traditionReligion, you learn Jesus, turn the other cheek

Inherit the earth, just stay meek, fuck the way you speak

Try to run, we chop off your feet, fast forward to 2004 we selling
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