Beautiful Struggle

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{This is a tear jerker}The revolution is here
The revolution is here people
I said it once, I'll say it twice
You gots to be ready
The revolution is inside of you
People, the revolution is here, yeahThe revolution's here
No one can lead you off your path
You'll try to change the world
So please excuse me while I laugh
No one can change your ways
(Rock with me for a second)
No one can lead you off your path
(Come on)
You'll try to change the world
So please excuse me while I laughYo, I heard it's said the revolution won't be televised
But in the land of milk and honey
There's a date you gotta sell it by
Otherwise it just expires and spoils
And these folks jump out the pot
When the water too hot'Cuz the fire boils inside
You go to church to find you some religion
And all you hear is connivin' and gossip and contradiction and
You try to vote and participate in the government
And the motherfuckin' Democrats is actin' like RepublicansYou join an organization that know black history
But ask them how they plan
To make money and it's a mystery
Lookin' for the remedy
But you can't see what's hurtin' you
The revolution's hereThe revolution is personal
They call me the political rapper
Even after I tell 'em I don't fuck with politics
I don't even follow it
I'm on some KRS, Ice Cube, Chris Wallace shit
Main source, De La Soul, bumpin' 2 Pacalypse nowThe revolution's here
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'Cause they say I'm intelligent
Nervous cause I'm dope
If I was wack I'd be irrelevant
I'm like the dope in your tracks
Until your high is settled in
You leanin' to the left
The laughter's the best medicineBut the troubles you have today
You just can't laugh away
Stay optimistic, they can change
It's gonna come like Donny Hathaway
You have to pray, on top of that, act today
'Cuz opportunity shrivel away
Like Tom Hanks in Cast AwayEverybody passed away
The past will pay, the family mournin'
Everybody act accordin' to the season
That they born in
You fight in the streets
Start bleedin' 'til the blood is pourin'
In the gutter, mothers cry 'til the Lord be livin'
By the sword and all that folks want is safetyThey goin' gun crazy
The same reason Reagan was playin'
War games in the '80s
The same reason I've always rocked
Dog chains on my babies
The struggle is beautiful
I'm too strong for you to slave meThe revolution's here
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So please excuse me while I laughYeah, let's go
So please excuse me while I laugh

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