

The Message

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Its a real bad time for black celebrities
They lockin' everybody up Michael Jackson, James Brown, Tupac, R. Kelly
OJ Simpson, Mike Tyson, Kobe Bryant, Jay-Z, Mystikal
P. Diddy, Allen Iverson, Snoop Dogg, DMX
Styles P, Shine, Beanie Segal, Lil Kim Is it because Im black?
Is it because Im black? When you black you got to hustle, got to struggle and strive
And not every cat that goes through that struggle survive
But he got to stay stronger and keep the struggle alive
They say the struggle died, I say the struggle revived Hey you, my profession is going through oppression
Thats why Im so stressed and I'm working with no rest
And no question I'ma fight for y'all 'cause I dont like it y'all
We make half as much as them, we workin' twice as hard y'all It ain't fair sometimes you see and hear the signs
I ain't Farachan but I got knowledge and Im sharing mines
I swear it's time to be aware that they fear you mind
And they fear your heart, you want to change here's the start Im tired of watchin' cops outline my peers and y'all
Im trying to make a move, Im not tryin' to make the news
They say the consequences worst when we break the rules
To get back and right you got to make a sacrifice Is it because Im black?
Is it because Im black? We got some problems we need solve
Here's our chance to get them handle
Just take the boycott in Alabama for example
They stop ridin' the bus till they address their affairs
And they ended segregation in less than a year So imagine what our status if we made a contribution
Well probably be able to change the constitution
I can't see no other kind of solution
We deserve our reparation, it's time for a revolution Im a step ahead of Satan, I read it in Revelations
Forget your reputation, let's make it a better nation
'Cause they trying to cage us in make us slaves again
Eventually it's meant to be the new plantation, the penitentiary For centuries they had a plan we let them
executed
Everyday another brother getting executed
And all our artist getting arrested I expect improvement
Its a message in the music, I suggest you use it Somebody tell me what can I do
Will I survive or will I die? On the streets it's hard to survive why, is it because Im black?
Hot Shot got rock, I can't bring my cousin back
Five-hundred thousand sold, gold, yeah, it wasnt plat
But Clyde gave me another try 'cause I wasnt whack And now I'm buzzin' back, yeah, I got my budget back
Renegotiating got a mil to do a dozen tracks
Yeah, Im eatin' only reason is because I rap

My homies eatin' only reason is because of crack
They can't get a job so them niggas quick to rob
Quick to steal, quick to kill, grip the steal, quick to ride
Malcolm X, Martin Luther King we cant forget them guys
These politician, hypocrites they got us hypnotized
That why I kiss writt, why we got to lift our eyes?
'Cause if we keep em close they just goin' keep control
And hold our sisters and brothers in the pen
And we was born guilty 'cause the color of our skin
Is it because Im black?

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