

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
I wasn't with it but just that very minute
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How long has it been? They got me sittin' in the state pen
I gotta get out, but that thought was thought before
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But a brother like me, begin to be another one
Public enemy servin' time, they drew the line y'all
They criticize me for some crime
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I'm not a fugitive on the run Many switch in, switch on, switch off
Nevertheless they could not understand
I am a black man and I could never be a veteran
On the strength of situations, I'm real

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