

Now Or Never (feat. Phonte & Dice Raw)

The Roots

[Chorus]

Everything's changing around me

And I wanna change too

It's one thing I know

It ain't cool being no fool

I feel different today

I don't know what else to say

But I'm-a get my shit together

It's now or never

(Now or never, now or never, now or never, now or never) I'm sick, sick of waiting in vain

Tired of playing the game

Thinking of making a change

Finally breaking the chains

Every phase, every happening craze

When it's said and done

My head is right back in a haze

I'm ready for the next chapter and page

To start acting my age and part ways

With black thought from back in the days

I'm stargazing from the back of the stage

Questioning if who y'all praise is worthy of praise

What's the phrase--bygones is bygones?

Niggas who used to be the underdog is icons

People say the light shines once in a lifetime

Is this mid-life kind of crisis a little bit like mine?

I'm thinking not now, but right now

I need some kinda sign that the future is bright now

I fuck around, do the right thing like Spike now

The quick and the dead--which is my look-a-like now

I'm moving ahead [Chorus] Yo, opportunities lost because I blew 'em

On the sunniest days of my life I cried through 'em

Mom's was out the picture and pops I barely knew him

And I would pray to God, but I'm tired of lying to him

Tired of trying to run from the things inside of us

Got a lot of fam' and a lot of admirers

Who tell me that I should aspire to be changed

But when I think of changing, it's like why even try this shit?

My mind hazy and my thoughts they get distorted

I know my good and bad needs both get recorded

You do right so your soul can last
But my role was cast before I even auditioned for it
So I don't really see an end to my vice
It's just false reclamation, no end of my strife
Feel the evil overpowering
You can go ahead throw the towel in
'Cause, nigga, that's the end of the fight
When you can only see the tunnel at the end of the lights
Like (?) it's the end of your life
And I'm out[Chorus]When I look into the mirror and see my own image
It feels like there's something else far off in the distance
Something I wanna see, but something that's resistant
And every day the haunting is growing more persistent
I never noticed it before, but now I can't miss it
And the constant pounding's driving me ballistic
I ran from it for years, but it's still next to me
And it's growing stronger take and leaving less of me
I can't fight it now; I know it's just destiny
And I just wonder what's gonna happen when it catches me
Will it leave me face down in (?)
Or will it just start bringing out the best of me?
But is the best of me really just the worst of me?
And if so yesterday could be my anniversary
In sinners' court it's important to have church with me
I'm trying to get rid of these ghosts that's cursing me
I feel that change is an absolute certainty
'Cause what's going on is a state of emergencyEverything's changing around me
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