

# Keep The Beat

## Eric B. & Rakim

She asked could I keep the beat  
So here's the beat, everytime it pounds you get weak  
Comfy, imbedded like a pillow, bouncin' wit an echo  
    My voice is moist and plus mellow  
I got it going on, you're gonna wanna come  
    Skins is the drum, said I'm the drummer  
Give the drummer some and we'll see if you can hang wit ra  
    Hmm, let's see if you can shangrila  
    Easy like Tina Marie I play it slick  
Like Rick James, I'm the fire in your desire's flames  
    I heat up your temperature keep the tempo raw  
    When you start to smoke, rest assured  
I start to think 'cause you're a singer like Anita  
High pitched like a tweeter, deep beats start to beat her  
    Much harder than love taps, my rap's above that  
I get girls where I want wit a maze full of love traps  
    But I don't want to fall in love  
I stand in love, good balanced wit a plan to shove  
    Accapella as we start to speak  
Heart to heart and cheek to cheek then I complete the beat  
Tempo's movin' and I'm hopin' it'll never fade away  
    The beat is groovin', words are soothin'  
    And please tell me that you're here to stay  
In the mornin' and I'm hopin' the mornin' come again  
    Hold me close and give me another dose  
    And keep the beat don't ever let it end  
She said, ah, so far, you didn't miss a beat yet  
Pop in another cassette, then I'm in to wreck  
    I'll give you a beat you never had before  
    I had to explore and came up wit more  
Deep trunk kicks wit a brick for a drum stick  
You know the song, don't hum along, come quick  
    You lay like sade, it feels like paradise  
At the top of the pyramid, we review new heights  
    The scenery of Egypt, you and me as we get  
So deep in the groove, when you move, you get seasick  
    You seen enough, close your eyes and relax  
Move wit the tracks and stay tuned for the sax  
    The instrumental, enters your mental

Tense but gentle and sentimental  
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She wanted the extended version  
So I kept splurging and add more words in  
Strong, the emotion, notions move  
And the poetry's smoking, potions soothing  
There goes the moon, I'm far from done  
Rise like the sun, here comes the sun  
And I won't stop 'til it sets and then  
Rewind the cassettes and I'ma play it again  
But this time it's instrumental at a faster tempo  
All I wanna hear is yea rakim, go  
I work overtime on your body and mind  
'Cause I'm incline to do both combined  
My job is never done but done well  
Horizontal or parallel  
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