

Long Time (feat. Peedi Peedi & Bunny Sigler)

The Roots

Oh

It's been a long, Long Time
Since I been back around the way

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Let it spin, let it spin, let it spin
Since I been back around your way

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Long Time, Long Time. Yeah, Struck by the luck of the draw

Real life preservation what I'm hustlin' for

My name Black Thought the definition of raw

I was born in South Philly on a cement floor

We had nothin' at all, I had to knuckle and brawl

They swore I'd fall or be another brick in the wall

Another life full of love that lost

That's silly, this Philly

Y'all really ain't stoppin' the boy

With the pen like Willy on top of the hall

Pure soul what the city most popular for

Hear the tones that will ease you

Smooth as Bunny Sigler's soundtrack

Keepin' your head boppin' and all

And it's somethin' in the water though

/where I come from

They used to sing it on the corner yo

Where I come from

Makin' somethin' outta nothin'

Because everybody 50 cents away from a quarter

Where I come from

Yeah, the streets ain't timid but I feel at home in it

Gotta see a couple people I ain't got at in a minute

Yeah, you can take a brother outta South Philly

Can't take it out of him really

I forever represent it and it's Oh

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Live and direct, I don't need no mic check
Remember mommy told me Peedi you ain't write that

It started in the bathroom takin' a dump

Listenin' to Ultramagnetic, Ego trippin' you won't
Pressure my word, I'm the urban vision of you chump
Stomped on a different ground, sound second to none

Synthesizers tweet to improvise your feet

I calculated every lyric to arrive on beat

It's free, come get high on me

Before a 9 millimeter shell hit my pelle pelle in the P

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It's just a natural reaction for crack to make it happen

Let the pen ink sink into the paper of the pad

Think back, hen I was younger

Ghetto could have took me under

Young Peedi can't mess with North Philly

Never had, you don't know about me

You ain't stroll my streets

I look familiar, I feel ya

Long time no see

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Long Time, Long Time.Uh, clap somethin' but whatever you clap

Clap to the record spinnin' while I'm takin' you back

To the top paper era, baby dig on that

Picture the pool room where the money getters was at

And street people with the feathers in the cap of their bossolino

Pullin' paper in as if it's a small casino

I was a young boy sweepin' the floors and runnin' to stores

But all those old heads would talk to me though

About the way to clutch the Eagle on a buck and tuck

And if I'm down how to get back up, just survival kid

And it's the struggle worldwide, I'm positive

Shit the ghetto might as well be the Gaza Strip
You know where all of the monsters is
You don't see no consciousness
Street walkers
I'm comin' back to where the core of the problem is
We on the job again, y'all know what time it isOh
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