

Joy

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Woah yeah on top of the world
Yeah, that's how my seeds got me feeling' right now on top of the world
Yeah, you ever felt like you could do anything, yeah on top of the world
I'm already feeling like me and you are shame
I'ma hold y'all down for real, gotcha
It was 1996, 4th of July, looking off in the sky
Dealing with thoughts inside, when something caught my eye
It was a silhouette of a beautiful woman, bright with life
Carrying my first seed, looking like she gone bear fruit tonight
We at the African street festival, and she walking around
Talking about the midwife said, that bring the baby down
I'm about to be a father, the sights and sounds
Seem brighter around me and for starters, I know I'm a work harder, word
We got home at three in the morning, I was beat
Them contractions started coming as soon as I fell asleep
3:05, like every five minutes, then the water broke
We on the go, yelling at the cabbie, 'cause he's sort of slow
You know them hospitals all trying to get paid, no questions
Hear come the doctor's with they drugs, trying to do c-sections
But my baby stay's strong, in labor for day long
Eight-pound baby boy, to carry my name on, joy
Huh, yeah, I know how you feel, Kweli I know how you feel
That's the sound of joy
See my brother, I know how you feel, Kweli, I know how you feel
That's the sound of joy
So when you, have a seed, come in the world, say dog that shit's real
That's the sound of joy, y'all
Huh, Kweli, yo I know how you feel, Kweli, yo I know how you feel
My baby girl
June 10th, 1999, I been on the grind
Since the birth of my son, it's been about, way more then rhymes
Baby on the way, my lady glowing today, at least
That's what the midwife said, on the phone
Anyway, the music got me going away
Like everyday, but it's a blessing, so I gotta have patience
And she got pregnant on a Jamaican vacation
So it's all good, this time well have the baby in a house
I went the hospital route, I know what they all about
Never again so I'm out on tour, in Baltimore

Get the call around four when the water hit the floor damn
I gotta rock my show but I gotta go
Got second thoughts about her not going, to the hospital
I left the show early Mos held me down, good looking no doubt
Call the car service, like, take me straight to Brooklyn
Got the news in the car, stayed sorta calm
But I cried tears of joy, when they put my daughter in my arms
How precious
Huh, huh
Said I know how you feel, uh, said I know how you feel when you
My precious joy
Said I know how you feel, uh, Kwe I know how you feel
I know you do, huh, my precious joy y'all
Huh, uh, said I know how you feel, yeah said I know how you feel
My precious joy
Huh, man I know how you feel, yeah, said I know how you feel
I do it for the seeds y'all, in they formative years when they need y'all
We gotta believe, in what we conceive y'all, it's deep y'all
I give them the truth, so they approach the situation, with ammunition
I keep nothing away, they hear everything 'cos they know how to listen
Teach them the game, so they know they position, so they can grow
And make decisions, that change the world, and break old tradition
They put kids in jail, for a life they ain't even get to start
That's murder too, and it's breaking my heart
It's breaking our nation apart
We gave the youth all the anger, it's just we ain't taught them
How to express it, and so it's dangerous you can't talk to them unless Your language is relating to what they
going through so busy ignoring Them, you can't see what they showing you and you wonder, why we Called
baby-daddy's And baby-momma's when we grow up, we can't act Like adult mothers And fathers, yo I'm so
blessed
To have a boy and a girl everyday they bring joy to my world
Huh, yeah I know how you feel, Kweli I know how you feel
That's the sound of joy
Brother Kwe', I know how you feel, brother Kwe', I know how you feel
Baby girl, my precious joy
Kweli, I know how you feel, say bro' I know how you feel
Fela, be my joy, yo
Huh, if you know how the people feel, let me really know how you, yo
I do it for the seeds y'all, yeah, yeah
I do it for the seeds y'all, yeah
I do it for the seeds y'all, yeah yeah

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