## Hold On

## **Brand Nubian**

I'll keep, holding on I'll keep, holding on!

Young black male, twenty-five years of age Many-a-lives didn't survive to this stage 'Cause the rage of another brother got him popped Shot him and he dropped, like a beanbag Mean motherfucker with a rag and some jeans that sag They signify your death by crossin' out your tag Then they go and brag that they took another life Never to think, do a brother got a mother and a wife? Trife when a nigga do the work of the Klan That's what you're doin' when you ruin the life of a black man Attack plan on self The man's got the family jewels, so I guess we're buryin' wealth All because we've been taught to despise what's black Open your eyes you oughta realize the fact That you've been gettin used like a trick You think you're mighty, but yo, whitey got your head sick See you were fed thick pieces of swine as a baby

It only help to drive your mind crazy Now your blind days be over No more standin on line, tryin to find Jehovah Let us rewind to a time we was right and just Nowadays we just fight and bust One another in the back over crack, a carjack Will get you killed, watch the blood get spilled To the scale, then watch how fast they build the jail Now they got you holdin' on to a cell, well...

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Why it gotta be me be ? I just came to chill Came to see the flicks, nuttin' more nuttin' less Try to show love even on a bad day I roll up, I'm never hold up, the L is swoll up The beef in the mind is definitely a winner Oh that's that rappin' nigga, I thought he was much bigger Do you know this girl named nah be I don't know nothin' Did that name-game shit right from the go get Shorty want an autograph, can I sign it at the end Oh I think I'm all of that now, so now it's fuck Brand Nubian Should I call you a bitch, or should I maintain? I'm just here with my lady, and you came witcha man This would force him to front, and I'm sure he don't want it Over some old bullshit, when I'm quick to pull shit Live dad, everything is everything I got a lotta shit to do I can't afford to catch a charge I'm a product of the streets, and I couldn't make no peace All the real hard shit I know, is on the down low Straight for real estate, on a scale I place your fate Now I'ma let you skate, you was a little weeded And I seen you don't need it

So hold on with your bad self I'll keep, holdin' on I'll keep, holdin' on!! I gotta hold on! I'll keep, holdin on My word is bond, I gotta be strong I'll keep, holdin' on!! And keep holdin' on, yeah Ya see life's gettin rough but I gotta hold on All these little suckers want me alone Yeah, yeah, yeah! Ya see life's gettin' rough but I gotta hold on All these little suckers want me alone Yeah, they want me alone Yeah, yeah yeah But I gotta hold on Because my word is bon And it's on and on, on and on, on and on On ya... I gotta hold on Yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah Oh yeah yeah yeah Yeah!