

# Trying People

De La Soul

Dave, whattup man?  
It's me  
Umm.. just callin to see, if possible, if you have any  
time today or within the next couple of days  
If, if, you're in the studio.. or if you're at home.. or car, whatever  
That song.. that.. it's called trying or something, Mase  
was tellin me that I needed to hear?  
He said it was amazing  
Whoo.. the way he was talkin.. man I wanna hear it!

Am I just another lost in the pack?  
We for shack ship, you know laugh it off  
Years just blow by  
My eyes stay fixed but the picture's kinda outta focus  
I cry a lot but admit to it  
Enjoyin life now but I've been through it  
Sometimes I wish that I can go back  
No bills no kids just getting tore back  
I want a wife, I love women  
How could I front like I don't be in love wit em?  
A li'l man that I can teach  
A li'l sand but not the beach  
I figure excess'll only bring an excessive amount of fussin  
So when I'm gone, make sure the head stone reads, "He did it for us"  
I'm like your modern day Jesus  
I cherish warm thoughts like a gray goose  
And float soft kisses to my baby  
(yo ain't that Dave's little girl?)  
Yeah, respect her for that  
She gon be somebody  
Instead of somebody-baby-mama  
You see young minds are now made of armor  
I'm tryin to pop a hole in your Yankee cap  
Absorb me  
The skies over your head aint safe no more  
And Hip Hop aint your own  
And if it is then you fuckin up the crib son  
You make life look like I don't wanna live one  
You might as well hold your breath until you die in a  
corner somewhere bent over in the crevice  
This God Theory overcomes the worst of weathers  
As long as you willin to try, you on a good start homie  
.. you on a good start.. see nigga tryin

People are you ready?  
Yes we're ready!

Are you really ready?  
We wanna be ready!

Ready for the change that may approach you?  
Yes!

Follow down the path that you supposed to?  
Yes!

People are you ready?

Yes we're ready!

Are you really ready to try?  
We wanna try harder!

You know mistakes are trials that we learn from?  
Yes!

I order to live life, you must earn one?  
Yes!

People are you ready?

Throughout my change to grow, Some of my people got left behind  
They didn't listen for the gun, as I leaped from off the line  
Thirteen years deep in this marathon I'm runnin  
Paid dues and still got bills to pay  
When I came back around the way  
Old friends gave me dead eyes  
and fake smiles, half wide  
We were supposed to rid the world of danger  
These days we nod heads and small talk like polite strangers  
It's natural to fall off, just land close to the tree  
I'll be there if they need me to be  
and I know all my local shorties  
cuz they all know who I am  
and latey wanna flip grammar instead of grams  
Like that's the only choice they got  
They tell me how they gonna shake up the game  
but came to me to see if I could give em guidance for change  
Shit y'all, I need guidance myself  
and I chisel right words to make gems  
Got fans around the world, but my girl's no one of em  
And my relationship's a big question  
Cuz my career's a clear hindrance to her progression  
Said she needs a man and our kids need a father  
I'm not at all ready to hear her say don't bother  
And break  
And this I know I can't take  
but uhh  
C. Smith said to hold on  
My brother Luck said to hold on  
My nigga Dave said to hold on  
My nigga Mase said to hold on  
Yo, Maseo, we need to hold on  
Eh, yo, y'all we need to hold on

People are you ready?  
Yes we're ready!

Well, what you wanna be?  
We wanna be ready!

Do you wanna lose hate for love?  
Yes!

Do you wanna see these gates above?  
Yes!

I said people are you ready?  
Yes we're ready!

But are you willing to try?

We wanna try harder!

Do you really wanna carry some weight?  
Yes!

Are you ready to design your fate?  
Yes!

Yo, people are you ready?  
Yes we're ready!

Well what you wanna be?  
We wanna be ready!..

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