

# Listen!!!

Talib Kweli

This the year of the Blacksmith  
Talib Kweli (Kweli) K-1 (K-1)  
Let's go! {"Listen!"}  
Yeah, yeah niggaz don't {"Listen!"}  
Back in the days we all used to {"Listen!"}  
Now shit is so wack, nobody {"Listen!"}  
To that real hip-hop, yo {"Listen!"}

Ladies and gentlemen, get ready here it come {"Listen!"}  
Talib Kweli and I'm bangin on your eardrum  
{"Somethin I wanna tell you"} Now let me get up in it  
Wait, wait, wait, wait {"Wait just a minute"}

Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears  
Start repentin cause the endin is near  
But don't, panic you can't function if you livin in fear  
Pay attention you gotta listen to hear {"Wait just a minute"}  
Who the fuck you think you talkin to?  
Put you on hold, get a specialist to walk you through  
Kweli, the flow captain to fast or slow rappin  
I'm soul crackin, you ain't heard your shit appear like closed captions  
King of the bars and I'm goin hardcores  
All my confidence comes from knowin God's laws  
Bangin on the system, fightin my kind of war  
Loud as a whisper, quiet as a lion's roar

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{"Somethin I wanna tell you"} Now let me get up in it  
It's for your spirits so, but y'all don't hear me though {"Listen!"}  
Get up, get into it and get involved {"Listen!"}  
There's a little somethin that I wanna spit for y'all  
{"Somethin I wanna tell you"} Now let me get up in it  
Wait, wait, wait, wait {"Wait just a minute"}

Get it now, get it fast, get it right  
Get it big, get it live, get it done, get it tight  
{"Somethin I wanna tell you"} But you don't really hear me though  
I, spit it clearly so it's live at your stereo  
To your heart while it's beatin in your chest  
I'm speakin to execs in the seat behind the desk  
To your spirit nuttin weaker than the flesh  
So while you try to keep it fresh you gettin deeper in the depth  
Real hip-hop is missin from the shelf  
Yep, it's what you felt when you listen to yourself  
Only a few is makin cuts that finish  
So before you spend your hard-earned spinach {"Wait just a minute"}

Yeah, you love the sounds comin out your speaker  
I spit rounds like a 9-millimeter  
The youth today they, frown at the teachers  
They ain't down with no leaders, they don't wanna wait just a {"minute"}  
They like "What nigga? Wait right there  
I got reservoir dogs, you be missin a right ear"  
{"Listen!"} Get it clear, figure is my year  
I'm everywhere makin appearances in niggaz nightmares  
Hear the word, peep the flow, check the cadence

What you heard is a pro I'm so amazin  
Don't front girl you know it's your favorite  
New Kweli yo they runnin out of patience

Yo, don't it sound so good to ya?  
Uhh, it's the return of the greatest y'all  
Talib Kweli, BKMC, Blacksmith is the movement  
Blacksmith is the music, what you ridin for?  
What you livin for, what you dyin for?  
{"Somethin I wanna tell you"} Bangin on your eardrum, yeah  
{"Wait just, wait just, wait just a minute"}  
{"Listen!"}  
{"Wait just, wait just, wait just a minute"}