The Wrong Way

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Wake up in a magic nigger movie With the bright lights pointed at me as a metaphor Teachin' folks the score About patience, understanding, agape babe And sweet, sweet amour

When I realized where I was Did I stand up and testify, oh, fist up signify Or did I show off my soft shoe Maybe teach 'em a boogaloo Busy playing the whore

Oh, loiterers united, indivisible by shame Hungry for those diamonds Served on little severed bloody brown hands Oh, the bling drips, oh, the bling drips down Fallin' down just like rain

I don't wanna cast pearls to swine, I don't wanna march peacefully No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, new Negro politician Is stirring, is stirring, is stirring inside me No there's nothing inside me, but an angry heart beat Can you feel this heart beat?

Oh, fear we're fallin' off, oh, terror we're pained Oh, hunger we're starvin' off roasted vermin sustain This shit will have to sustain Shootin' doves from off balconies, they wanna shackle the lame By now you know their game

Little Nina arose Went to stand by her pay phone Waited for her caller to ring, said Ask me anything I just asked for her

I just asked for her say so And with permission I'm gonna take liberty And I'm tellin' you to take it too 'Cause it's right there in front of you

Hey, desperate youth Oh, blood thirsty babes Oh, your guns are pointed Your guns are pointed the wrong way Your guns are pointed the wrong way