

# Shinin' Star

Brand Nubian

Yeah yeah, uhh, uh-huh  
Brand Nubian, yeah yeah, check it

You don't have to drive a fancy car  
Just for you to be a shinin' star  
No matter who you are, no matter who you are

Uhh, now it started it off for me in apartment 6C  
Project style, ate government cheese for a while  
Pop Duke wasn't there cos he had to do a bid  
so momma love stuck with these bad ass kids  
She used to say keep your head up, always think positive  
and never be ashamed of who you are or where you live  
Teenage years I had to struggle doing that  
Shorty say "Don't talk to him, girlfriend, look where he live at  
Crib probably crawlin with roaches and rats  
plus cats be in his hallways with the drugs and the gats"  
I used to try and honeys used to walk on by  
Now I'm damn near 20 and still ain't got no ride  
Caught a record deal, now them same old chicks that used to walk on by  
go out their way to say hi  
But they gets none  
That's why I'm with the same girl from the same projects that I come from  
because.....

Chorus (x2)

Well this is that time that you've waited for  
Three linked from what was said to be extinct  
You say take my weed-smellin ass home, I'm grown  
More thirst than if I swallowed sand bags  
Not fiending enough to go out and grab bags from women  
I swear if we don't hear this on the air  
I'll be down at the station  
Your broadcast from Monday has now been switched to no day  
With the class team that I'm with, we stay fit  
Just like the calm before the twister hit  
Brand Nubian name is gonna blister shit  
We raise the flags in three places  
employ black faces from midnight blacks to light tan  
Brand Nubian straight rate policy for the world  
For your little man, for your little girl, from Cheryl to Earl  
Watch how it all go down and unfurl  
Mark this print, I feel like we've all been sent  
It's more than gettin money and gettin bent  
(Word life, cos you're a shinin' star)  
No matter who you are, no matter who you are

Brand Nubian cats spread

A four-letter word seldom heard amongst my nation  
Understandings highest elevation, the foundation  
of creation of motivation, in my family there's no relation  
They got us willing to be killing off our population, full-time occupation  
We need to turn it around like oscillation  
or watch it all burn to the ground from frustration  
Lord Jamar, I'ma show love to all my people who show

To me that's how it's gotta be  
Peace to Prodigy and Mobb Deep  
God's working hard on the streets for the love of the peeps  
Niggas bring their ass in the clubs every week  
Walk right past the brothers and they can't speak  
All hands meet to shake, for Pete's sake  
Let's break the ice, life livin love, love livin life (Yeah)