We are people, who've been tried through time (that's right)
Rejected by society (not just black people but people in general)
Left to wander deaf, dumb and blind (ya know)
We know the depth of darkness, ignorance's shame (uh huh)
A people lost without a name (Free)
Without a name, ohhh, what a shame
But now here we are ...

It's '09, I look around, it's me alone
Huh, no "Love Jones", No Nia Long
And my kids still askin "are we there yet?
Did we make it to the top dad?"
"My bad
We just made it to the middle, gettin paid a little
So you know what that means, y'all could play a little
But I still gotta work a lot, close the locks"
Niggaz see me on the tube, they think I'm worth a lot
And if they try to take y'all, I'm gonna murk the block
Pull out and squirt the block, hurt the block
I don't care if I alert the cops, call the S.W.A.T.
When I blast, bodies drop like Pilates class
Throw on the mask, then I palm the glock
If y'all niggaz try to hide, I'm a find ya ass

Yeah, this how it started, the beginning it was me alone

We are people, who've been tried through time Rejected by society (I'm tempted)

Left to wander deaf, dumb and blind (know what I mean)

We know the depth of darkness, ignorance's shame
(How I'm supposed to react?)

A people lost without a name (uh huh)

Without a name, ohh, what a shame

But now here we are ...

Here we are, face to face, we didn't grow with no silver spoons Hopin to find, a strip we can grind on A connect we can rely on, my God Philly Freezer used to hustle on the block Listenin to songs on the tape deck before the iPod Yeah, some niggaz used to grind hard While other niggaz used to take checks Niggaz that grind had it out with the cops Niggaz that took checks, faced a quick death They was shootin out 'til not a clip left Wind up goin out in a box And I wind up rollin out in a box Porsche 'Lo sport from the shorts to the socks to the shirt Yeah, I'm gonna make this rap thing work, watch

We are people (that's right), who've been tried through time (Trials and tribulations)
Rejected by society
Left to wander deaf, dumb and blind (just wakin up)
We know the depth of darkness
(Goin through your normal day is a trial)
Ignorance's shame (it's all a test)
A people lost (from God) without a name (you gotta find yourself)

Without a name, ohh, what a shame (that's right) But now here we are ...