

## Pick It Up

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I'm spying the liar, the cowards, the biased  
The powers that's prowling around in the lake  
Follow the Bible  
Or try to debate  
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Or vibe with the snake  
If it's His will that it's better than better  
Then why would I skate? Why would I coddle the fake?  
I'm awaking, I'm twinnin' them  
In the mirror, I'm Mary and Kate and Ashley  
When I'm sinning, I'm synonym  
Double the trouble, you hustling sugar  
You keeping it sweet like it's cinnamon  
I tussle with sentences, not trusting in Benjamin Button  
But the enemy, God of this age  
God of the Bible, the body a page  
Read 'em and tell 'em  
Tell if it's light or it's shade  
Darker the berry, the better the grape  
Out in the field and I'm picking through wiccans  
The rituals, flicking through mentions from the slaves  
Give 'em this wisdom, they listen to sage  
Twisting and turn 'til they burn in the lake  
Uh, energy, energy, energy  
No, I'm not Timothy  
Or married to Kennedy  
Jackie Onassis  
A beanie, a hoodie  
And Dickie jeans  
The drip is a liberty

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The drip is a liberty, freedom of speech  
Yes, I'm a woman with freedom to preach  
P is Aquila, Priscilla is me  
We ain't the one, but the one who begets  
Is the one in the three  
Cece's be wining for free  
Juanita Bynum's be finding these sheets  
I'ma remind 'em that time is a common denominator  
Lady, day is a lease  
'Cause we walk, yeah, I ain't too far from God  
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Pick up your Bible  
Let it light your way  
Every single day  
It's here to stay