

## From Then Till Now

Killah Priest

Guns, shootouts and crack sales  
Black males who pack jails, trapped in hell  
No peace, cold streets, surrounded by po-lice  
This whole week, buildings with no heats  
No lights, the gas pipes the snow leaks  
Dog fights and lowlife throw dice the whole night  
Thieves, creepin  
In the midnight evenings, saw through the misty regions  
Go to your house, take a vial for the demons  
Moon in, the lunar eclipse  
Prophets stand in the midst of the seven candlesticks  
I can't take it, beauty that was once sacred  
Is now gettin facelifts, fake tits, and fake lips  
Cold embraces  
Memory erases, from the slaveships  
My princess, I used to spot her from a distance  
Holdin my infant, burnin incense  
The moment intent, for her to step into my wife tents  
Now we step in pre-sents, for your ebony prince  
The small of frankencense once treated like a pharoah  
With royal apparel, annointed with myrrh and aloe  
We used to wallow, amongst the mallows  
We had herd sheep and cattle, now we battle  
Used to pass over Brooks of Qe'ron  
Towers of Lebanon, the pool of Gechron  
We used to sing songs, upon Mount Hebron  
How is gold turned to bronze, and shhh  
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We was the wisest and the richest, now we turn to snitches  
Women turn to bitches, in the time of harvest  
We was the smarteest, worshipped Wisdom like the Goddess  
Now we act retarded, forsook the Wisdom of the Fathers  
We use to have a thousand flagons of wine  
In Palestine there would drink Ballentine  
And raise up in the violent mind  
We used to have a hundred measures of oil, eighty measures  
Of wheat and barley, we live Godly  
Listening to Bob Marley, before the devils robbed me  
Chasin us through the African safaris

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Singin holy anthems, lampin with all  
My handsome grandsons, hair long as Sampson  
Inside my gold mansion, they used to wear purple Pampers  
But now we Black Panthers, some are actors and dancers  
It's funny how the dollar bill have my seeds holler for meals

Mother swallow a pill, roads seem hollow but still  
Grab a bottle to heal, it's like a noose  
Of seventh seal over Brownsville  
What's the difference between the ghetto and death row?  
I'm trapped up with cleptos, the tec blow  
I'm left in seft low, where the cries echo  
And echo and echo and echo and echoes  
From the Crystal City, near Getti  
Children used to grow on lillies, now they roll up Phillies  
But the pyramids of Cheops, is my weed spot  
Sometimes I eavesdrop in the books of Enoch  
We went from studying epistles of Paul  
Beneath a waterfall, rubbin crystal balls  
But now we spray paint initials on the wall  
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