There's a war going on outside no-one is safe from Didn't notice 'til they took it out my paystub Proletariat until you find me face up Five fingers make a fist, better raise one Now you're holding up a deadly combination Raise the other for the brother tryin' to change some 'Til you got a set to even the equation Stick and move until the opportune occasion Innovation will set me free eventually Microchips, gigabytes, technology I see it comin' quicker, they think it's just speculatin' Something's in the air, something's in this newfound data Buried inside the crossfader: Alpha, Omega Analog hop; digital operator See, they're running out of bait to lower the fuel base Because their oil and gold don't hold the same weight My clique's awake from 1-8-48 For better raise hell when the time coordinates It ain't a question of if, but of when I'm preparing my mind and my body until then

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There's five stars hidden under these bars Underneath the concrete streets and boulevards Been workin' hard for change, but change comin' hard Been playin' the odds so long my change almost gone Raise it up - the roof is on fire but I don't give a fuck I'm gettin at god we trust because we must We vibe, we lust, we bang, we bust, dance 'Til your downfall, 'til it's obvious - relax You'll know it when the timing is right man And feel it everywhere; it'll be fight or flight man So bystand if it suffice man My people got it bad for a brand new fad And that's fact - they don't like how we act When we practice black magic rap and hollabacks Speaking slang and code for those who know For the pros and for the cons

So let these words live on 'Cause it's the first day of May; we rendezvous dog It ain't a question of if, but of when I'm preparing my mind and my body until then

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