

## Native Sons

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Warning! The sergeant general has determined that the sound you are about to hear can be devastating for your ear

This one goes out to the legendary Native Tongues crew  
Jungle Brothers, De La Soul, Tribe Called Quest  
Queen Latifah, Monie Love  
Chi-Ali, Black Sheep  
Busta Rhymes, .let's go!

We are witnessing a hip-hop apocalypse  
If you ain't got them bars, I promise it's looking ominous  
Let's get it going, let's get provocative  
[?] stopping us, we are the new conquerors  
Rappers get unruly and moody, [?]  
Bragging about material objects with people starving, bruh  
And that's why the phrase "eat the rich" is so popular  
Please, these elitists can never defeat the populace  
Now who these novices think they tryna get bruh like  
Without architecting this and the inception of Megalopolis  
I leave your city, your room, which is like a [?] nand rap like a mummy  
Let's get buddy a sarcophagus  
I.break a rapper like a promise  
Standing next to famous artists, these niggas' biggest accomplishments  
This is culture over politics  
Thelanguage of these lames is Greek to me like a Krapopolis

Life is all about balance,.I stay on your dean  
You got to ride to the challenge. I stay on your dean  
Whether on and off stages, I stay on the dean  
Even when collecting wages. I stay on my dean  
Praises to the Most High, this an offering  
Trust I'm just getting started 'cause I got more to bring  
I've been to the mountain top like it was all a dream  
I'm moving loving, that don't cost a thing

We've arrived where people ain't living they just survive  
People scared of the truth get more comfortable with the lies  
When they come at you and hate this really love and the disguise  
They hate the only language that angry is going to provide  
There's nothing you can do to me Lanes in the try  
How you going to kill me? A nigga already died  
Ignorance is not a virtue and neither is Betty Pride  
You cranky go take a nap, you niggas like Betty wide  
Right, they our people all in chains  
Was it all in vain is what we ask the Lord as we the call His name  
It's all a game to these colonisers, yeah, they all the same  
They causing pain and slaughter all the game like [?]  
If all things was equal, they would forfeit games  
Like we saw them pouring rain [?]  
Employment gain for all the sisters rocking the horses, mane  
We talking slang, Tribe Called Quest in the Hall of Fame

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That whole Native Tongue organization set so many of us free  
De La Soul, Tribe Called Quest  
Jungle Brothers, Black Sheep, Latifa was in there  
KMD was in there  
Monie Love  
Love yo, listen, all of them, bro  
All of them getting...  
Leaders was in there too  
All of that energy set us free, bro