

# Know That (feat. Talib Kweli)

## Mos Def

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Hey, hey, heyyy man

I Strike the Empire Back.

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Fuck the Empire!

High flyin like the Millenium Falcon, piloted by Han Solo

I never roll for dolo, frontin on me's a no-no

Understand? Doin this for my family

Ha ha, check it out y'all

Yo I'm tryin to make a dollar out of what makes sense

Add it up, told my daddy I'd be a rich man

You never know when your fate gon' switch hand

Get today's solid ground out of yesterday's quicksand

I was a young boy -- who dreamt about being a big man

on small looseleaf sheets I sketched a big plan

Gotta handle business properly, boost up my economy

Store it up and get my mom some waterfront property

Yesterday was not for me but nowaday it's time for me

The streets is watchin me, I watch back, that's the policy

Movin along my oddesey like blood through the artery

Navigate the treacherous and make it seem effortless

Let those who make the exodus seekin the North beacon

from beatin and hog-eatin, from punishment all season

from hands cracked and bleedin -- cotton thorns in your palms

It's for y'all that I sketch these songs, and it goes.

Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow

I fear no man, because faith is the aarrow

My vocal chord travel worldwide to block narrow

We can blow with the ammo or go mano-a-mano

Kweli is you wit me? (Whattup whattup?) Let's make it happen

I \*BURN\* through your argument with action

My eyes stay fastened to tomorrow lookin for a brighter day

When y'all wanna leave y'all? Right away

Shout it out from East-West (from South to Northern)

From Cakalak' (to California)

From the coldest (to the warmest)

To the borders ('cross the waters) understand.

". and know that I love you."

We got love in the place

Shout out to all the Queens (all the Seeds)

To all the teams (that's gettin cream)

From outlaw (to emcee's)

Make it happen (do your thing) understand.  
 ". and know that I love you."  
 Ladies and gentlemen, ladies and gentlemen, ladies and gentlemen(Talib Kweli)  
 Guess who? The illest MC in the atmosphere, yeah the Soul Controller  
 who roam the frontier like a Buffalo Soldier  
 I follow the code of honor like a real man gonna  
 Never disrespect no women cause I love my momma  
 These cats be givin us praise but it ain't that accurate  
 I give it up to God, all that, love and attachment, get  
 scary well-prepared with the shears when it get hairy  
 like how these niggaz is lookin like some fairies  
 and singin like canaries to the beast  
 and anybody who will listen to em clearly  
 Y'all don't hear me though, even when I'm comin through in stereo  
 You make a mockery of what I represent properly  
 Yo why you startin me? I take that shit straight to the artery  
 Intellectual property I got the title and the deed  
 I pay for rent, with the tears and sweat, and what I bleed  
 MC's imitate the way we walk, the way we talk  
 You cats spit lyrical pork with no spiritual thought  
 Plus your flow a little bit off, you come across soft  
 Back in the days, niggaz like that on stage got tossed off  
 Need to get crossed off the guestlist  
 It's like you gotta be disrespected and thrown out the exit  
 to get the message  
 Sometimes your sunshine get snatched like a necklace  
 when you get too drunk on power and your drive get reckless  
 Check it, MC's in my face after I slug you then I hug you  
 If I gotta dead you know it's only cause I love you(Mos Def)  
 Shout it out from East-West (from South to Northern)  
 From the richest (to the poorest)  
 To the elders (in the coffins)  
 Livin native (dyin for it) understand.  
 ". and know that I love you."  
 Yea, yea, we got love in the place  
 Shout out from up top (to the middle)  
 To black bottom (SKY HIGH)  
 Whether you colder than December  
 or hotter, than July  
 It don't stop 'til we complete this  
 (" and know that I love you.") keep this fly  
 It's so much to life when you just  
 stay black (10X)  
 My people, my people, my people people p-people (8X)  
 My PE-ople, oh-oh-OH-oh-OHH, oh-OHH...

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