I want to be as free as the spirits of those who left I'm talking Malcom, Coltrane, my man Yusef Through death through conception New breath and resurrection For moms, new steps in her direction In the right way Told inside is where the fight lay And everything a nigga do may not be what he might say Chicago nights stay, stay on the mind But I write many lives and lay on these lines Wave the signs of the times Many say the grind's on the mind Shorties blunted-eyed and everyone wonderin' where I'm Bush pushing lies, killers immortalized We got arms but won't reach for the skies Waiting for the Lord to rise I look into my daughter's eyes And realize that I'ma learn through her The Messiah, might even return through her If I'ma do it, I gotta change the world through her Furs and a Benz, gramps wantin 'em Demons and old friends, pops they hauntin' him The chosen one from the land of the frozen sun When drunk nights get remembered more than sober ones Walk like warriors, we were never told to run Explored the world to return to where my soul begun Never looking back or too far in front of me The present is a gift