## **The Stood**

Masta Ace

Drop it Ace and Action Steady Pace by my side The name of this one here is Together This is goin' out to all those who some day reach that fork in the road, you know? Cause we all have the potential to get there together Listen up I got a problem, the Ace is bubblin' Physically I'm fit as a fiddle, but somethin's troublin' My mind, I'm in search of the find A style that's designed just for this kind Of a raid, it's a must to get paid Or fade into the whack parade And so you can't wade Through this groove, it's as deep as a diver goes As I proceed, the liver it grows Then it reaches your ear, teaches you where You are and where it should be, to each his share Unadultared, dope, I made it to cope With any that hope that I faded - nope I'm still on the scene, kill all the mean Stares, who cares, they hurtin' nothin', when will you fiend For somethin' attainable, somethin' more gainable I build and I'm filled with knowledge undrainable It's overflowin', before long you're goin' To find out, you kept your mind out of growin' The way you did it, was you didn't admit it was Somethin' that applied to you, you should bit it, 'cause But you chose to ignore, I suppose you explore Only things with wings and a halo - sure You're not a saint, but you try to paint A picture that'll get you respect, don't you know it ain't How large you're livin', or what you're drivin' But what your goals are, so keep on strivin' And gainin', maintainin' Keep your brain intact, this is mental trainin' For the minds that have given up Other are livin up, if you want a sip, then go get a cup And we'll take a drink from the fountain Of success, yo, let's all climb the mountain Together [Chorus] We're gonna get there Oh yeah, we're gonna get there Together Together Together We got to, got to, got to Get there together Who's with me now, raise your hand Need inspiration? The capital A's your man I'll inspire you to strive a little higher

You won't tire, and not even barbwire Will obstruct your progress, I guess You want to succeed? Determination is what you need Face your fears and place your tears aside Raise your peers to the top, here's a guide For you to follow by, try and swallow my Food for thought, and you're short of an alibi There's no excuses, the rhyme just spruces And juices up a small mind, so call mine the loosest Cause I get looser than mice in a basement I grab the mic, and that's when the place went Wild, Steady smiled, I didn't crack one Not that I'm mean or that I lack fun But the topic is serious, listeners are curious Rappers are lerious, the Ace and I'm furious It's not the kinda rage that makes me want to rant and rave Across the stage like a beast in a cage, I save All the screamin' and shoutin' for the next man The look on my face is the proof that I'm vexed, and I don't yell, I don't swell, I tell facts And simply stated I made it, sell tracks But I want respect from those who chose to Flap your rat traps, cause heaven knows you Made a mistake when you chose to oppose You tried to step on toes, now you're dissed case closed Cause like it or not, Action is gettin' there So keep on sittin' there, riffin' and splittin' hair And critizisin', I got my eyes in An upward glance, and I see us all risin' Together

[Chorus]

Listen up Who says a brother can't get his with his Eyes on the prize, realize that it is Highly probable that someday he will Believe and therefore achieve, but we will Keep an eye out, cause he might try out A quicker way to payday, but I doubt The brother knows: the harder the wind blows The faster the quick cash goes, and I suppose Gettin' paid everyday means improvement Bust the movement on the floor as the groove went (Together) as the bass kicked, the Ace picked The mic up, and now I'm gonna strike up a taste licked By a licker and bitten by a biter Sucked by a sucker, I fought like a fighter To get the meal rarely barely shared by A brother of color, but I'm not scared, I Don't want to stop, to the top it's a rat race Or should I say rap race, I want to get that taste My mouth is waterin, who's that orderin? The Ace'll slow a pace, I'm almost borderin On breakin, cause it's there for the takin And I'm not fakin, yo, I want the bacon But I'm not hurryin or worryin, there's time for Me to get mine, but I made a rhyme for To use, so you score, it's more like food for Empty spaces, now the Ace is in the mood for Seein the black with a tack with a feather Cause we don't need a 2x4 just to get there together

Yeah, yeah stop