

# Black Superhero

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Yeah (up in the sky)  
(It's a bird, it's a plane)  
Hmm, sound like  
Some superhero shit  
Some black superhero shit  
Hmm, damn  
Oh yea

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You need a nigga roll like me  
Military mind stated and I keep a gun and a degree  
You can label me a huey p  
Made a martyr outta martin, outta Malcolm, out a nigga  
I refuse to let these dirty devils make my gullah beggar  
Fuck a hero see oh I will go make heed oh for my people  
Give me liberty or death that is my credo not my ego  
Dressed in a tuxedo, enter party, altar ego  
Killed your need of it, gazebo, did it for the people  
Love what motivated, I did not do it for hatred  
But I truly hate the devil I cannot debate or fake it  
I was asked a question and I asked about it hard  
If I was facing death then I could ask one thing of God  
I would ask for every nigga to be free here and abroad  
And to be rightfully celebrated as a child of God  
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Our own kind took nip from us  
Money still read "in God we trust"  
Truthfully we envy, so why we so envious  
And why our own kind envy us?  
Pop said it's hard but we gotta keep our head up  
Goin' even though we know we fed up  
It's hella tension  
Cause we ain't careful where we all pay attention  
I need all my real soldiers on the front line  
Fighting for the right shit just one time  
So unstoppable together at the same time, with the same mind  
Yeah, we wanna be high and always above what's beneath us, so

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I'm talking bulletproof kinda suit  
Reflect the struggle that they put us through  
With a shrimp  
To fight the power like Chaldea do  
With the insight to be equal  
Know the sky need it, a voice that finds reason  
To multiply people in the streets full of calls  
Marching on Washington, might as well be walking through walls  
Type of superhero show up with ain't no one to call  
That'll shield ya from them shields that been killing us all  
High beam for eye to peep, the villains and the door  
Power of resolution 'fore a war was even started  
The knowledge to build and grow where they live  
And take care of the kids and the older folk  
The queens cause they need it most  
Politic with the kings, a body can not a grow  
True PTSD, cause mental health ain't a joke  
Feed the hungry, and though, everyone would know everywhere we go

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Some take love and a lot of trust  
We just took it have faith and know that  
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You know just, just the idea of how black people in this culture and society  
get framed  
And how everything possible is actually designed to actually diminish what y  
our true power  
And so when you speak about the superhero-  
ness of our communities every ghetto, every block, every street corner  
Really all of those men and women are divine  
They're just living in a reality that tears them down and makes them feels a  
s though they're not what they actually are  
Cause they know it when they look in the mirror