

Talib Kweli, Beautiful Struggle

[Sample]

This is a tear jerker

[Intro - echoes]

The revolution is here, the revolution is here people

I said it once, I'll say it twice

You gots to be ready

The revolution is inside of you

People, the revolution is here, yeah

[Hook]

The revolution's here

No one can lead you off your path

You'll try to change the world

So please excuse me while I laugh (yeah)

No one can change your ways (rock with me for a second)

No one can lead you off your path (come on)

You'll try to change the world

So please excuse me while I laugh

[Verse 1: Talib Kweli]

Yo, I heard it's said the revolution won't be televised

But in the land of milk and honey there's a date you gotta sell it by

Otherwise it just expires and spoils

And these folks jump out the pot when the water too hot

Cuz the fire boils inside

You go to church to find you some religion

And all you hear is connivin' and gossip and contradiction and

You try to vote and participate in the government

And the muh'fuckin' Democrats is actin' like Republicans

You join an organization that know black history

But ask them how they plan to make money and it's a mystery

Lookin' for the remedy but you can't see what's hurtin' you

The revolution's here, the revolution is personal

They call me the political rapper

Even after I tell 'em I don't fuck with politics

I don't even follow it

I'm on some KRS, Ice Cube, Chris Wallace shit

Main Source, De La Soul, bumpin' 'Pacalypse Now'

[Hook]

The revolution's here (yeah)

No one can lead you off your path (uh uh)

You'll try to change the world

So please excuse me while I laugh (ha ha, ha ha)

No one can change your ways

No one can lead you off your path (uh uh)

You'll try to change the world ('scuse me)

So please excuse me while I laugh

[Verse 2]

Yo, I speak at schools a lot cause they say I'm intelligent

I know it's cause I'm dope, if I was wack I'd be irrelevant

I'm like the dope in your tracks until your high is settled in

You leanin' to the left, the laughter's the best medicine

But the troubles you have today you just can't laugh away

Stay optimistic, they can change, it's gon' come like Donny Hathaway

You have to pray, on top of that, act today

Cuz opportunity shrivel away like Tom Hanks in 'Cast Away'

Everybody pass away, the past will pay, the family mournin'

Everybody act accordin' to the season that they born in

You fight in the streets, start bleedin' 'til the blood is pourin'

In the gutter, mothers cry 'til the Lord be livin' by the sword and

All that folks want is safety, they goin' gun crazy

The same reason Reagan was playin' war games in the '80s
The same reason I've always rocked dog chains on my babies
The struggle is beautiful, I'm too strong for you to slave me

[Hook]

The revolution's here (yeah)
No one can lead you off your path (uh uh)
You'll try to change the world
So please excuse me while I laugh (ha ha, ha ha)
No one can change your ways (yeah)
No one can lead you off your path (uh uh)
You'll try to change the world ('scuse me)
So please excuse me while I laugh (yeah)
The revolution's here
No one can lead you off your path
You'll try to change the world
So please excuse me while I laugh
No one can change your ways
No one can lead you off your path
You'll try to change the world
So please excuse me while I laugh

[Outro: Talib Kweli]

It's a beautiful thing that's happenin' right now
Right now G
Yo, I'm rockin' with my man Hi-Tek on the track right now
We fightin' the good fight
The Beautiful Struggle
Yeah, let's go

(So please excuse me while I laugh)