

# Blackalicious, My Pen & Pad

[Whispers]

Here we go...here we go...

[Gift of Gab]

Back on the journey again, tool is the pad and pen  
Cool is the fan as the wind, soothin' you after I send  
True inter vision risen and driven while givin' you MY  
Isms of intuition while niggaz is livin' a LIE  
Syllables spill and I fly, high as a pittance rhyme  
Not to belittle a fool, but try to get into you my -  
Lyrics inherited form awareness somewhere in the sky  
Clearly you'll give them merit and cherish 'em better wit' time  
There is none ever and on like rivers, so clever I shine  
Verbal ambassador travel in this endeavor of mine  
Never a anti-gangster, the ghetto is still on the mind  
If I was, not rappin', a nigga might be up inside  
All of you terraces, stealin' wallets and necklaces, I  
give hella gratefulness for the blessin' share this and fly  
Everywhere people outside the culture now try to deFINE  
What it is, but it is MINE, such it is, love with BLIND  
Vision but no division is vivid we livin' inside  
Vicious vindictive and mental prisons from within the mind  
I sit and find stillness from minutes is written the RHYME  
Gettin' you smitten wit' it, particularly if you're a prime  
Listener, listen up, twist it up like the lyrics was lime  
Vintage is instant, so give it up when you hear it recited  
Recite it at attention, relivin' tension and bendin' yo' spine  
Sendin' you signals to get yo' internal system aligned  
Lyrical pittance, situation is critical  
Syllable after syllable, Give It To You, deliver you my -  
Intervals, sendin' you through dimensions who didn't know  
Hidden in you, within you, when you get in the begin into it  
Sentiments internets, couldn't send you yet signals you get  
Rippin' through skin and through tissue, fix you elixirs that MIGHT -  
(lift your peripheral vision, the mystical wisdom that tends  
to go into the infinite system of livin' and this is the ending  
As well as the beginning of the Gift and his prime)  
Mission the bliss is divine, Christen it, isn't it fine?  
Listen and dissin' it, that's the incident innocent  
Men and women hit, lyrics is killin' niggaz, they shivelin'  
The predicaments thick, and it spills the wig of the ignorant lyricist, puttin' fear in their spirit...  
Yo, that's my time!

[record skips in fast forward]

[Intro to "Side to Side"]

I know all you fellas have had a lady in your life that, you really appreciated  
and you wanted to do something special for her and, let her know it  
Well, I gotta lady like that, and I wrote this song to her...