

# De La Soul, The Future

[Intro: sampled vocals]

We are singing, you this message  
Through our music, reaching for a, brave and brighter  
new tomorrow, is the future  
We must make it, safe and happy, for the children  
Or... or... they will be lost  
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[Pos]

Aiyyo I jump back, put the aim on my shot  
It's mandatory, handle glory over with the rock  
I'm not a rough guy but a tough guy to beat over drums  
No son to this, I'm a rhyme bastard  
Some mastered the art of cash, but not the part that lasts  
and disappear after doin two albums  
We're not your normal team and we still do ours to fit  
hope inside this, don't define it's  
quits for those who oppose the new  
Playin they've outgrown rap like a size 5 shoe  
Oh they all {?} now, alternative touch  
were surprised, no demise for us  
We on the rise to bust big, how you fig' we couldn't  
Never run out of verbs for you to sip, I told you we wouldn't  
I never popped Crist' or popped fists, girl named Chrissie  
was the first, which made it even worse not to miss me

[sampled vocals]

Or... or... they will be lost (the future)  
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[Dave]

So do you understand it now? Well try standin over  
seven box sets, reppin sixteen years  
This rap career ain't work, it's the life in-between  
bedtime 'til the next said time and date  
Know the name and salute them dudes  
Put the nutrient in rap when they cook them foods  
Gotta be like eighteen million heads served  
Shit, imagine if there wasn't no us huh?  
So I'd like to take the time to shout out the JB's  
Next on my list is A Tribe Called Quest  
Latifah my Queen, Monie Love, Dres and Mr. Lawnge  
Chi-Ali, on your head God bless  
Never ring chasin, the permanent tat  
in this rap shit, y'all are just temporary lick-ons  
Fadin in the days to come  
While the name De La and the legacy built lives on

[sampled vocals]

We are singing (sing it out now)  
you this message (sendin you a message y'all)  
Through our music (through the music)  
reaching for a, brave and brighter new tomorrow  
(another day y'all) is the future (it's the future)  
(it's the future) We must make it (we gotta make it)  
safe and happy, for the children (for the children)

You little brats