

# The Roots, It's About That Time

Over the globe again from the realm of illadelph  
The planet overwhelmed yo just brace yaself  
Ya wanna go against me first face yaself i pose threat  
To whoever within ya commonwealth the top ten  
I'm crushing ya crap concoction  
To the utmost examine this upclose it's shockin  
Now mic droppin is only ya option  
Here come the spliff scientist in the flesh have you forgotten  
His excellency the most poetically inventive official hip hop shit  
That's ya incentive to cop this actual fact and not the likeness  
'cause possibly clones 'd try to do it like this  
Fathom this lyrically fabulous vocabulist  
Hold mic like four fifth and lick shot somewhat like pete  
Malik rock think not i don't smoke i just sleep drink and eat  
Think pot and i want the top a vehicle that brakes  
God i want the top a vehicle that brinks got composing  
To the ink sock my hip hop is wild megawatts  
Continue with forever exist and never stop  
Yo whut up whatever ock we can thicken tha plot because

And it's time for that and it's about that time  
It's time for that and it's about that time  
Rob O it's time for that and it's about that time  
Pete Rock it's time for that and it's about that time  
Black Thought it's time for that and it's about that time

(Rob O)

I'm Rob O what, energize like a power plant blow speakers  
Without an amp do things these wack rappers can't  
And start again 33 rpm the hearts of men  
Are cold like the steel i hold on microphones  
Let my words express move men like chess  
My mic will stand erect like projects  
It's drastic top draft pick in this rap shit  
You just a fraction caught up in tha midst of action  
My catalog is current events breath the contents  
What i move crowds for local events the show stopper  
98 feature spot rocker rob odendo  
Now every mc wanna mention me out of envy  
Unofficially top of the charts i played my part  
Held it down from the start you know the M.O.  
Yeah yeah Rob Odendo

Chorus

(Pete Rock)

Yo it's the Capital P book rhymes of the century  
Speak rap line essentially on tha M-I-C  
I hold the mic appliance like science  
My competitors and clients worldwide as my words coincide  
With real life think twice transmit like true lies  
It's televised take my manuscripts out of context  
Who want next situation is complex  
Stop the nonsense it's 98 time to set the record straight  
Separate movers and shakers from those that hesitate  
Ya featherweight name carry weight in every state  
Ya name brand no frills niggaz is marinate  
It's pete rock new world innovator  
Crush immitators five years since the creator  
It's nuff said as i paint the town red and move ahead

Chorus