

# A Tribe Called Quest, Start It Up

(quiet eerie voice)

Yooooo....Yooooo...I hope ya'll ready...  
Are ya ready? Here we go....

(Q-Tip)

What ya deal with...uhhh...  
What ya deal wit'...what ya deal wit'...  
Turn me up some more?

Incognito, speakin' to ya  
Feel this, have it, makin' music  
Men and women, boys an' girls an'  
Welcome to the movement, the fifth wit' improvement  
Aristotle, Plato, Freud  
Yeah right, Abstract, never void  
I make it easy for ya'll to boogie down to  
Hard to the ground, ooh the Tribe with the sound boo  
Touch me, tease me, feed me, squeezy  
Take it easy, never sleazy  
Promise that I will not answer  
The phone when it rings love, while we do out thing love  
Never fakin', it's late, spirits  
Through the music is our mission  
Honies who were not cooler  
than the ghetto rebel risin' to overthrow a ruler  
Dearly beloved, dearly departed  
There's a reason why we did it  
Cuz it's inside the body and the hearts  
So here we are fam let's start, c'mon...

CHORUS:

Don't beat me in the head with the bullsh\*t bat  
C'mon everybody let's start (2x)

Ummah, Mos, Jane Doe, Willy  
Punchline, Wordsworth, SV, Chrissy  
S.O.S., Tribe Called Quest  
Get it off your chest, say it: "Tribe Called Quest!"  
Can you feel it when it hit right  
Can you feel it when we do it  
Truth, power, taste, devour  
Niggaz in the street here comes the illest beat now  
Move oceans wit' your mental  
Think it, do it, be it, embellish  
Here's another point for everyone to relish  
When Ski busts his tools all ya'll foes will embellish  
For somethin' wicked at ya'll faces  
What I see is longin', needin'  
Hey I got you with that goooooood stuff  
And ya probably won't get enough  
Ay-yo, lyrics I got it, lyrics, cadence  
Do it with fun and patience  
Funky, rhythmic, characteristic  
Ebonically linguistic wit' the ghetto futuristic  
Ay, ay, ay, ay, ay, ay, ay....

CHORUS (2x)

Beat me in the head, don't beat me in the head  
Don't beat me in the head, don't beat me in the head  
Don't beat me in the head, don't beat me in the head  
Don't beat me in the head, head, head, head...

So here we are fam let's start,

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So here we are fam let's start  
To the Ummah family lets start  
A-yo get off your ass and let's start,  
A-yo, here we are fam let's start  
C'mon, get off your ass and let's start,  
here we are fam let's start  
Here we is fam let's start,  
get off your ass and let's start  
Here we are fam let's start,  
get off your aaaassss-ah-ah-ah-ah  
Ha ha ha ha ha...let's start