

# Blackalicious, Nowhere Fast

[Sample (Scratched by Chief Xcel):]

Now you, who ever you are,  
as you're listening to what I'm going to say,  
will probably not want to believe what I'm going to tell you.  
And there isn't any way in which I can make you believe;  
I can only state the facts as they are  
and hope that you will really believe me.

[Gift of Gab]

Hey yester-day you were supposed to meet me now I got to testify  
I waited hours for you guess that all was just a lie  
Figured you stepped inside soon enough you said good bye  
&quot;Peace Out! I'm gone and won't be back!&quot; I head your echo cry  
Oh how the seconds fly left without a second try  
I check and try to recollect how I just let you die  
And now I wallow in these severed ties

Of Yesterday [woman's voice]

[Gift of Gab]

Of yester-day girl your really gone I guess that's how it just should be  
I had big plans for us today but now you're history  
Today's a mystery you took pieces I miss of me  
I keep on diggin deep tryin to find that kid in me  
We had some really good discussions back then didn't we?  
Befriended me but now we don't speak like we're enemies  
And all I got is memories

Of yesterday [woman's voice]

[Gift of Gab]

But Yester-day memories are priceless and I'm really glad you left em  
There etched inside I take a ride when driftin through the spectrum  
It's just at times I dwell and dwell and then I have to catch up  
To now while back in time it ceased to march it just kept on  
I want you back I want you back when it was here I slept on  
What I appreciate a little more now as a blessing  
Now I'm complaining and regretting

About yesterday [woman's voice]

And I'm just goin nowhere fast

[CHORUS: woman's voice (repeat 2X)]

I don't try to stay here  
I just fly away here  
Out of my oasis  
I am not complacent

[Gift of Gab]

Your stuck in a flurry of illusions goin nowhere fast

I am today I'm all that ever was and ever is and uh  
It is an honor, don't become a mental prisoner  
Just listen to the now and keep your mind from driftin off  
I am the mission, the position of this instance uh  
New opportunity to get the love your wishin for  
To kick the door in to look for your ambitions, what?  
You can move on out to elevate your existence up

Today [woman's voice]

I'm just today, I'm just the way I am

I am ever single day I am  
I'm February, April, March and even May I am  
I'm only what you make me hope I'm what you pray I am  
Today I am, I'm never really far away I am  
You better scope me like the hunter does the prey I am  
You play "I am" out in the picture yes today I am  
I'm everything your memory say I am

Today [woman's voice]

[Gift of Gab]

So seize me, I'm here to serve you if you serve me back  
It's easy, but difficult that's time alone squeeze me  
From beaming your feet when your all your actions turn to banking  
An inkling, a hint, I'm moving faster than your blinking  
So treat to just a slice of heaven why you cheat me?  
Deceive me and now I'm hell inside these thoughts that link me  
To flesh the soul it's bound to I was truly made to be free

Today [woman's voice]

Instead I'm going nowhere fast

[Chorus (repeat 2X)]

[Sample (scratched by chief Xcel):]

I'm only saying this to show how all around  
man or beast sleep away there gift of time  
and never know the beauty of a good life below

I'm bout to change the way I'm livin homey  
I'm eatin vegan, no ham or baloney  
I'm startin off my day with yoga stretches  
I'm bout to master self to study lessons  
I'm swearin off the weed and alcohol  
I won't be affected by doubts at all  
The sky's the limit, watch I'm bout to ball

I'm spendin every single dollar wisely  
I'm writin songs that's bumpin like the Eisleys  
I'll have the answers you can all confide in me  
Nothin the day could bring that will surprise me  
I'm buildin to the fullest every minute  
I'm through talkin the talk, I'm bout to live it  
Ain't even started yet, I'm at the finish line

Man I can't wait until it's here I'm sayin  
Oh what, you haitin? What, you think I'm playin?  
You think I ain't just go ahead and watch me  
I'll use the lessons yesterday has taught me  
I'm countin hours, minutes even seconds  
Man I can't even sleep, I'll build my Heaven  
Oh what, it here? Oh, oh what, it's what?  
Don't even trip, just give me one more day  
It's really gonna be on tomorrow

[Chorus (repeat to end)]

Your stuck in a flurry of illusions goin nowhere fast [repeat 3X]

[Sample:]

There we are. All finished.  
And you don't know how much I appreciate your pardon.

Watch out blazing arrow

Do it just how you talk it  
Nigga rolled in and walk it  
Stick a toe in the water  
Don't falter, go on and fall in  
Tell me, do you know your calling?  
Yo, what your mission is fella?  
I caught this vision when I met a fortune teller  
In New Orleans French Quarter  
on the bus bench an arbitrary corner  
Sorta scary looking elder woman showed up outta nowhere  
She stared into my eyes and said  
"Sure as eyes green  
You were conceived and walk the earth  
Spit that heat, purifying I believe.  
So are you ready for your cleansin?  
Cause this is only the beginning."