

# Janet Jackson, New Agenda

[Chuck D's Intro:]

It ain't nothin but an us thang  
And it's time for us to step it up and respect  
That level of sisterhood  
That's been holding up our neighborhood  
And if it wasn't for our mothers  
There would be no brothers  
And if it wasn't for our sisters  
There would be no misters  
So it ain't nothin but a us thang  
She's strong and that's a fact  
Now it's time for us to take up the slack  
Step it up, step it up, time to go to work

History hidden from me  
To hide my identity  
So I'd never feel  
I am somebody

You've gouged my eyes  
I see more clearly  
You've tried to rob  
My humanity

My spirit you tried to break  
My soul you tried to take  
There's no need to be afraid  
Cause I won't do unto you now

[CHORUS:]

Amen  
All that we've been through  
Our time has come to rejoice  
A new agenda's due  
Amen  
It's time to know the truth  
Our time has come to rejoice  
A new agenda's due

(no no)  
Because of my gender  
(no)  
I've heard no too many times  
Because of my race  
I've heard no too many times  
But with every no  
I grow in strenght  
That is why  
African-American woman  
I stand tall with pride

You want to know what it takes  
To rid yourself of me now  
There's nothing you can do  
Accept me for who I am now

[CHORUS]

Chuck D's Rap:  
Time to step it up, step it up  
Better check yourself  
I get vexed to protect what we got  
Left her alone

Lookin for your own  
Here it is I know what I'm sayin  
But the klan ain't playin at the range  
Gotta step it up us to discuss a must  
It ain't nothin but an us thang  
Rewind back to the time  
Where the color of our mother  
Had 'em call it a crime  
Brother what in the world?  
And the world says where is the black man  
Support the woman and children  
Time to step it up, step it up, it's playoff time  
And the rhyme go to check, so check yourself

Amen  
A new agenda's due

[CHORUS (2x)]