

# The Beastie Boys, Bodisattva Vow

As I develop the awakened mind  
I praise the buddhas as they shine  
I bow before you as I travel my path  
To join your ranks, I make my full time task  
For the sake of all beings I seek  
The enlightened mind that I know I'll reap  
Respect to Shantideva and all the others  
Who brought down the dharma for the sisters and brothers  
I give thanks for this world as a place to learn  
And for this human body that I know I've earned  
And my deepest thanks to all sentient beings  
For without them there would be no place to learn what I'm seeing  
There's nothing here that's not been said before  
But I put it down now so that I'll be sure  
to solidify my own views  
And I'll be glad if it helps anyone else out too  
If others disrespect me and give my flack  
I'll stop and think before I react  
Knowing that they're going through insecure stages  
I'll take the opportunity to exercise patience  
I'll see it as a chance to help the other person  
Nip it in the bud before it can worsen  
A chance for me to be strong and sure  
As I think on the Buddhas who have come before  
As I praise and respect the good they've done  
knowing only love can conquer hate in every situation  
We need other people in order to create  
The circumstances for the learning that we're here to generate  
situations that bring up our deepest fears  
So that we can work to release them until they've cleared  
Therefore, it only make sense  
To thank our enemies despite their intent

The Bodhisattva path is one of power and strength  
A strength from within to go the length  
Seeing others are as important as myself  
I strive for a happiness of mental wealth  
With the interconnectedness that we share as one  
Every action that we take affects everyone  
So in deciding for what a situation calls  
There is a path for the good for all  
I try to make my every action for that highest good  
With the altruistic wish to achieve buddahood  
So I pledge here before everyone who's listening  
To make my every action for the good of all beings  
For the rest of my lifetimes and  
Even beyond i vow to do my best to do no harm  
And in times of doubt i can think on the dharma  
and the enlightened ones who've graduated Samsara