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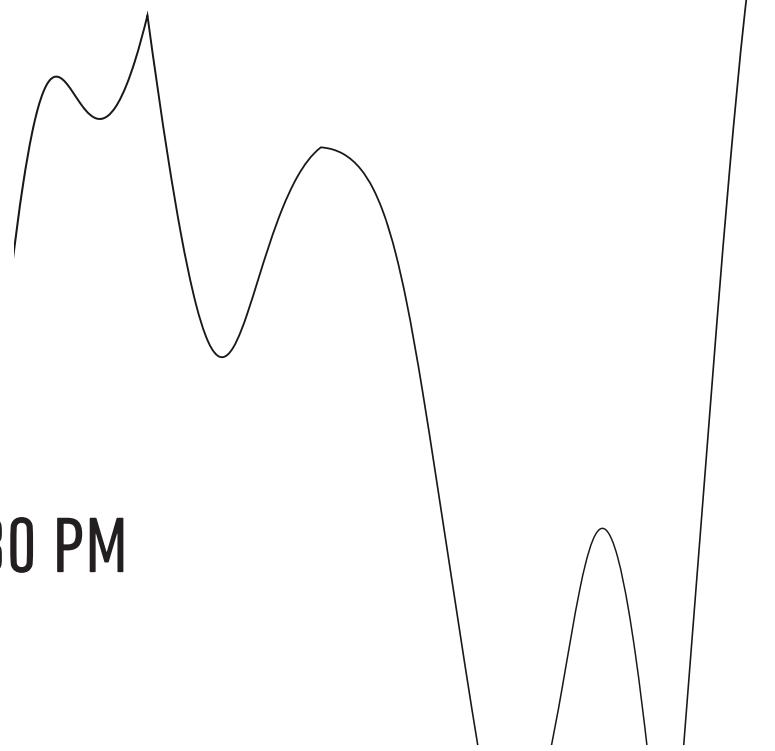



PaviElle French

THE SOVEREIGN SUITE

Sunday, May 22, 2022 • 7:30 PM

Fitzgerald Theater





Pavielle French is an Emmy Award winning, interdisciplinary artist, hailing from Rondo - a historically Black neighborhood in St. Paul, Minnesota. She is a Jerome Hill Artist Fellow (21-22), as well as a McKnight Artist Fellow (2020), and has received a Sage (Cowles) Award for Dance and Choreography. She is a Global Artists Initiative - Artist In Residence at MacPhail Center For The Arts. And, an American Composers Forum Grant recipient for her classical composition, A Requiem for Zula, (2018) written in celebration of her Mother's life. Pavielle's symphony was just featured at the New World Symphony in April 2021, under the direction of Conductor, Edwin Outwater, and Artistic Director, Michael Tilson Thomas.

She has been seen performing locally and nationally, and has graced such stages as First Ave, Ordway Center, and The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, to name a few. She is known for her powerhouse vocals and performing with an equally powerful 6-piece band. Pavielle was voted as Minneapolis City Pages "Best R&B Vocalist of 2015", her band was named one of First Avenue's Best New Bands of (2015) and was a featured artist on TPT's "Lowertown Line", (2015).

Growing up in a family steeped in music, she says that she wants to make music that honors and represents the Black Arts aesthetic. Pavielle honed her craft as a youth at: Penumbra Theatre, SteppingStone Theatre and with the collective, EduPoetic Enterbrainment. Most recently, she is leading her own year-long Residency through the American Composers Forum called, Liberation! Lifting Up Our Youth. She has also been commissioned by the Sands Family, to create a symphony in honor of their 50th Anniversary. Sands Of Time, will be debuted by The SPCO in June 2022. And, she has been commissioned by The Schubert Club, to write another symphony, the SOVEREIGN Suite, to be slated for performance in May 2022.



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Love Notes from PaviElle:



I would like to give a very special thanks to my Family, Friends, and Fans for supporting and encouraging me! It fills my heart with great joy knowing that you are with us, sharing this experience, tonight. I would also like to give a very special thanks, and show my love and gratitude to all of the BRILLIANT Musicians, and Vocalists, who have joined me on this adventure... this journey has been everything I envisioned it to be, because of your gifts, passion, and amazing talents!! THANK YOU!!!!

I would like to give a Shout Out to my Homestate of Minnesota - the Historic Rondo Community, Saint Paul, and the Minneapolis Northside and Southside Communities. Lifting US All up in Light and Love.

I would like to acknowledge the immense WORK that Black, POCl, and all marginalized Peoples have been doing, past present and future...the Leaders, the OGs, the Teachers, the Fearless, the Artists, the Elders, the PEOPLE, who have continuously been ORGANIZING, working and laboring toward JUSTICE, FREEDOM, and LIBERATION for our NEIGHBORHOODS & our YOUTH.

I Appreciate you all with my whole HEART. THANK YOU for Your Love through Your Service!!!

The SOVEREIGN Suite is a cosmic, other-worldly experience that literally flowed through me onto the score, and page, over nine months time. It's a Rebirth. It's all Sevens. A new cycle. This Commission is dedicated to my Mother - Zula M. Young, my Father - Paul H. French, my Full Lineage, and the Spirit of my Ancestors...Thank you for showing me that there is so much more to this Life.

As I prepare to take the stage to speak my truth tonight, through this Candor and Love... I hope that YOU ALL in this space, can find something in this piece that resonates with your Heart & Mind.

And finally, I want to proclaim, My Beautiful Black People!!! I LOVE YOU!!! May We Heal, Liberate, Decolonize, Exodus, & Rebuild.

ASÉ!

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The Sovereign Suite

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Conducted by
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Jayanthi Kyle, *Vocals*
Heather McElrath, *Vocals*
Thomasina Petrus, *Vocals*

Michael Cain, *Keyboards*
Ted Godbout, *Keyboards*
Blair Krivanek, *Guitar*

Christopher Rochester, *Saxophone*
Michi Wiancko, *Violin*
James Towns, *Bass*

Kevin Washington, *Percussion*
Ahanti Young, *Percussion*

**WalkerWest Kamoinge
String Ensemble**
Earl Ross, *Director*
Ernest Bisong, *Director*

Rahel Hashel, *Violin*
Ream Hashel, *Violin*
Saliem Hashel, *Violin*
Wacheke Njoroge, *Violin*
Kamau Rodriguez-Pegg, *Violin*
Jakob Wilson, *Violin*
Thomas Bates, *Violin*
Michelle Elliott, *Violin*
Keziah Fierst, *Violin*
Senhit Hashel, *Violin*
Mukuhi Njoroge, *Violin*
Lily Teske, *Violin*
Isaak Wilson, *Violin*
Asla Hasel, *Viola*

Movement 1

Thank you Ancestors! Come ride with me y'all...come inside my mind!!

--

My Soul is tired
I wanna free myself
...and others

So many things I wanna do
But, I'm tryin' not to drown under expectations
To whom is given, Much is required
Doesn't mean I have to live under fire.

Re-evaluating my mental health, I...
Gotta do better for myself!
and, how I deal with everyone else...
Ahhh

...because my Spirit is my wealth

Give me space *oooh, please give me my space*
Give me time *So I can maintain pace*
So I can face *Let the boundaries make way*
The things inside *Cause I got somethings to face*

Yes!
I must answer the call
Answer the call
I must answer my call!

I must answer my call

Give me space
Give me time
So I can face
The things inside

*Give me my space and give me my tiiiime)
So I can release things in my mind)*

--

Ancestors
I need you
oh, it gets so dark
but, I know it's there

*Ancestors, come closer
I need your love and care
I can barely see the light
But, I know it's there*

This world
Things can look so bleak
I'm calling on you

*We're standing at a precipice
This world's too much to bear
My mind can get as dark as night,
I call on your strength to keep my here*

Ooooh, Ancestral Spirit, please wash over me...
Heal my wounds as I set out toward my dreams...
Keep me protected, in your arms, and no weapon will prosper...

I come to you with my arms wide open...

Please bring back my joy...
Please...replenish myyyy joy...
...and love...
...within my heart

I made mistakes on my journey...
and I am willing to own up in exchange for my peace
I know, I know, I know, that you hear me
please cover me

I'm asking for salvation,
I wish to heal and move on,
please help me to see myself, if awareness is truly the key

--

Enough now! With the talking!
Enough with Pontificating!
It's enough now! With the talking!
It's enough with Pontificating!

*You gotta do the work...
Oh yes, it's gonna hurt
Yeah...but it's SO worth it...*

Doing your own inner work will bring the change
Time is of the essence,
Play no games!

Say it again, yeah...

You better play no games,
Oooooohh, yes,
Play no games!

Tired of moving backwards,
gotta put this work in,
gotta raise a better standard,
for me and my people, I always advocate,
gotta keep these culture vultures up out my face

Play no games

because it feels like extortion,
they keep playing the same ole game,
pay minimum dollar for my cultural resources,
I'm gonna have to keep you at bay

Enough now! With the talking!
Enough with Pontificating!
It's enough now! With the talking!
It's enough with Pontificating!

*If you're just saying something...
But you not doing nothing
Then why you keep on reaching out...
Restructure & Reroute...*

Doing your own inner work will bring the change
Time is of the essence, play no...

It will bring the change...

Enough now! With the talking!
Enough with Pontificating!
It's enough now! With the talking!
It's enough with Pontificating!

*You telling me my Black Life Matters...
But, it's performative allyship, and that's a matter of fact
I can't understand...
Go talk your people, cause I don't have the time to spare...*

Doing your own inner work will bring the change
Time is of the essence, play no games.

Play no games

--

I feel like I'm getting closer to my dreams
I worked and I prayer for these opportunities in front of me, yeah.

I'm getting closer!
Uh-huh!

I sacrificed so much of my life, these blessings manifesting, the future looks so bright!

I'm getting closer!
Uh-huh!

It was not given to me, this came from hard working, day and night, upon my craft, this is a vision, I always had.

I'm getting closer!
Uh-huh!

I seem to be getting closer to my dreams, let nothing come in between, my purpose and destiny, yeah!

I'm feeling way up high, it's a vibe
Way up high it's a vibe!

I'm getting closer!
way up high it's a vibe
Uh-huh!

Heyyy Ya'll! How Y'all been?!
Hey Sis!
What up?!
Hey, Girl!
I got so many good things to tell you!
Okay?!
Spill it!

Good, cause you've been missing in action and we've been wondering where you been at...

Well, make sure that you remember the little people, when you get on, okay?

I second that, cause you working so much, it's like you don't know us no more.

I'm feeling way up high, it's a vibe

I'm working hard toward my goals, always
I'm willing to sacrifice, each day
Don't badger me, cause I work too much
Be glad for me, as I do it for us

it's a vibe!

Now look, we ain't tryna make you feel bad or nothing...
Nah, nah...
We know you're doing big things!
But, don't you have time anymore to kick it witcha friends?
Right! Come on now, Pavi.
I'm saying!
I get it...I get it. Love y'all too. I promise I will get up witcha, but right now, it's my time,
I gotta make this make this music!

I'm feeling way up high, it's a vibe,
Way up high it's a vibe!
I'm feeling way up high, it's a vibe!

I'm working hard toward my goals, always
I'm willing to sacrifice, each day
Don't badger me, cause I work too much
Be glad for me, as I do it for us

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Sometimes you be stuck, and don't even know it. Wondering why the same things keep happening to you. A merry-go-round of drama. Same rolls and characters, different beings. Convincing myself that it's some outside force...you know some, person place or thing that I could lay the blame on...when it was really me. Thank God for growth. I didn't have any boundaries. People pleasing only to keep those that didn't see my value, close.

The only regret I have in life, is that I wish I cared more...for my younger self.

Baby Girl
I Love You
You're Not Your Mistakes
And The Things That You've Been Thru!

Do you know how to say no,
That is the question
How much do you want to grow?
Step-up to your next level

oh...Step-up to where you want to be! Yeah!

I felt it wasn't right
But, I still went ahead
Went all in with my might,
Went against what my conscious said

*I felt it wasn't right
But I still went ahead...
Went all in with my might
Whooo...Red Flag, Red Flag, Red flag!*

Why do you dwell in relationships that are not serving,
anyone in it?
You'll keep on trying, keep on crying,
Or, acknowledge, when it's finished.

I felt it wasn't right
But, I still went ahead
Went all in with my might,
Went against what my conscious said

*I felt it wasn't right
But, I still, But, I still...
Whoooooooooooooooooyeah...
Went against what my conscious said..*

I felt it wasn't right
But, I still went ahead
Went all in with my might,
Went against what my conscious said

*But I still went ahead...
Never again, Never again*

--

The new generation is fearless
I believe in their warrior spirit
Help guide them in the right direction
We can create our own way and options
So, Children! This is your world
Go on'N break out of these isms
Define yourself and go and live your life
What you choose is nobody's business

You have everything that you need y'all, the key is within your mindset

We've built entire civilizations... *and we can do it again*

How long are we gonna keep asking for our human rights, when those rights aren't anyone's to give?

So just tend to yours and build your own
Focus on yours and find your zone
So much in store upon your throne
So just tend to yours and mind your own
Just tend to yours and build your own

Stop worryin' 'bout what people say
when they ain't saying nothing anyway
Stop worryin' 'bout what people do
When they ain't coming with solutions

My beautiful Babies, your life is truly yours, and it's a big enough world for you to find your place in it

You can do whatever you want

In essence, don't let other people's fears stop you from being the catalyst toward a whole new way of life

May the Universe protect your journey and Soul!!!!!!!

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Focus on yours and find your zone
So much in store upon your throne
So just tend to yours and mind your own
Just tend to yours and build your own
So much in store upon your throne

Can't let nobody stop your stride
Walk in your power, the limit's the sky!

--

Over...(over) n'Over
Vicious Cycles
Over...(over) n'Over
Again!
No more!

I'm standing at the crossroads
Giving up is not an option
No longer sitting in peril
Cause I ain't found a way out yet
Until the culture changes everything's gonna be the same
And if we don't find a way, away, everything will remain the same

I'm sick of being gaslit
While you learn about Ra-ci-sm
Your fra-gili-ty says
You didn't "create" this!
But you benefit

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Giving up is not an option
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Cause I ain't found a way out yet
Until the culture changes everything's gonna be the same
And if we don't find a way, away,
everything will remain the same

Yes, you benefit...from the same systems of your predecessors

Ooh, if we don't find a way...Everything...will remain

Vicious Cycle
History repeats
We've seen this before
This time, we come with heat!

Yeahhhh! My goodness, how my brain hurts
DEI's become a buzzword
Making money for the oppressors. What?!!

I'm so ready to leave!

--

Who am I
Outside
Of my colonization?
What do I really believe?
What did I know before I was lost?
How do I get back there?
To the place where love is all about?
I've been told that my freedom is here
but it comes with a hefty cost
My people!

I will keep
searching for
the root
of my sorrow
and my anger
I will clear
out the way
to be healed
to be seen
to feel Love
to get Free

Where can I go
And not face oppression?
Is there a place on this earth
That doesn't tout
Anti-Black sentiment?
I...
Long for the days
That our tribe
Was deeply interconnected
I don't desire to keep
assimilating to another man's ways
My people!

I will keep
searching for
the root
of my sorrow
and my anger
I will clear
out the way
to be healed
to be seen
to feel Love
to get Free

How do I find
Meaning in my trauma?
What are the lessons to see
So I can finally can let go
Working within my shadow
Bringing all my pain and fears to light
I let my Spirit lead this journey
By faith and not by sight

--

Leave.....
Us.....
Alone.....

What is right?
Is it the only pathway to freedom, to fight and give up my life?
Don't wanna live with white supremacy and for it, I'm not gonna die.
At the hands of systemic oppression
400 years
A cycle of psychosis
I know this
I'm tired
got options
and I'm second guessing what I was taught to believe

Done everything
from begging and pleading
to burning and looting
to entering the political arena
and we see our people continue to bleed
too accepting too resilient
living under this anti-Black sentiment
still seen as chattel by our government
we're profitable if we live or die so they're good with the suppression

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I'm a Garveyite
Whoo...ahhh... Whoo...ahhh... Whoo...ahhh... Whoo...ahhh...

We don't need yo' permission
You don't get my forgiveness
I want you so far far away from me

I can heal from your transgressions
where can we breathe
and get reprieve
from white American exceptionalism
we tried to leave
but you don't want us to take our natural resources with us
How do you plan to reach atonement for these acts that you still commit
'cause I'm beyond my limit
y'all even hunting us down in a pandemic
push us to the brink
deflect, deny, we die
Spending all this time
talking about our pain with no change in sight
Justify your plans of genocide
but you can't ever extinguish our light!

The saga continues
the Maafa continues
no justice no peace
But justice ain't never been served
if we're not going to be heard - then forget all these words
you say violence ain't the answer
but y'all use it to make your stance clear
that manifest destiny kinda thought must've ate ya brain up like it's a cancer...

Whoo...Whoo...Whoo... *Got me feelin' like a Garveyite*
Feel-ing...like...a...Gar...Vey...ite *Yeah...*

White supremacists they want their war...
The good intention ones are asking for more...
...of our labor...
so they can write their think pieces
and get Pulitzer awards
oh you need academia to hear me
well, let me break it down with a lesson
a quadricentennial is the long game
incremental work won't get my blessing

Brute force and savagery
backed up by immunity
Protected by policy
held up by the elite
"they" say we'll be alright but, whenever have we been?
I've been talking a lot to God to keep my heart from hardening.

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Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh...
Feel-ing...like...a...Gar...Vey...ite.

-END OF MOVEMENT ONE-

Movement 2

Swee-dah-dah
So-de-ba-de-day-dah
Sa-ba-ba-dweeyah-dah-dah
Swedah, Da-Dweeya-Da-Deh

Z-bo-deh-de-de-dweedah
Say-bo-say-dwee-dah
Zway-dah-dah-dee-
Yay-eah

Ohhh-O-Ohhh
Ohhh-Oh-Oh-Oh-Oh-Yeah

Hey...Yeah...Yeh...Yeee...Yeahhhh...Ooh!

Let me hear you say, Yeah....yeah-yeah

Yeah....yeah-yeah

Gave permission
to myself
to live my life
Crystal clear is
my vision
My mission is divine

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Spent so much time concerned 'bout what other people think
Then I tapped into my own mind to find the things I need
To be happy... *Ohhhh-Oooh-Ohhhh*
To heal my inner child
So she can grow with me
Endless possibilities manifesting *Ohhhh-Oooh-Ohhhh-Oooh*
now that I can breathe

Livin' My Life! *Exodus...Exodus, in my mind*
Yeah, I Am!

Livin' My Life! *Exodus...Exodus, in my mind*
Yeah, I Am!

Jus' Livin' My Life!

--

Whoooooo
Whoooooo

If you take the time and listen to your young then you will learn...

...where the future is headed, the Elders aren't the only wise ones on this earth.

Instead of having your back turned, thinking that your generation knows best...

...You can't gatekeep with your tenure, and dismiss our intellect.

Whoooooo
Whoooooo

Now we recognize, you've pledged your time to bettering our community...

...we appreciate your service, but look around, we're direly in need.

Making decisions for us, action like you are above reproach...

...What's the point of your "air-rights"? We demand something to call our own! YEAH!!

WHAT'S THE POINT OF GAINING POWER WHEN YOU ARE JUST LEVE-RA-GING, HOOOOPE!!!

--

We will keep on fighting
And bringing down these systems
Cause it ain't beneficial
For those you've deemed "essential"
To the real people
Keep demanding your respect
Time for revolution
A new day is on deck

Heyyyy!!

*I said a new day is on deck!!!
Time for our ascension*

Heyyyy!!

*I said a new day is on deck!!!
Look to the blueprint for solutions*

*We do not have to follow
Status quo cause they said so*

*We do not have to follow
Status quo cause they said so*

*Read and apply the info
Organize and be careful*

*These leaders can't have a chokehold
The power is held by the people*

--

One Day...
One day...I'mma go far away...
And build mine...revel in time...and clear my mind...
Come on y'all...

When I find my...
When I find my home
I will be at peace
With the space to roam

I been feelin' boxed in
I need a plan up out this system
And the tide is rising
And life's more stranger than fiction

Even when I feel hopeless
I'm gonna keep on trying
Let's pray and take of faith
Next thing you know we'll be flyin'

Do it for your Ancestors
Do it for your Bloodline to be free
This is where the cycle ends
What I imagine, I can also believe

When I build my...
When I build my home
I will be at peace
With the space to roam
When I grow my...
When I grow my farm
I will defend mine
Free from harm!

*When I build my home...I'll be far away
Oh, I'm looking forward to that day
I will be at peace...love
with the space for us to roam
When I grow my farm

I will defend mine...and I'll be*

--

We'll unite with our like ilk and set a course for destiny
We fight for LIBERTYYYYYYY!!!!

We won't, listen to lies no more
We claim, ownership of our beings
We'll design, the change that we want to see.

The government's the same bird.
Two different Wings.

Listen! And if you want to know.
Follow the greed.

We won't, listen to lies no more
We claim, ownership of our beings
We'll design, the change that we want to see
We'll lead, ourselves where we need to be

*No more!
Yeah...
Say it! Say it! Say it!*

We're gonna set a course for our destiny!
...And lead ourselves where we need to be!

This democracy's the same coin...
...Two different sides!

When will you accept...
...it's up to you and I!

...flip the switch
...Don't get eat up by the rich!

Liberty!	<i>Give me LIBERTY NOT DEATH!!</i>
Give me Liberty!	<i>I WANNA SEE IT WHEN I'M ALIVE</i>
Give me Liberty!	<i>I WANNA SEE IT IN MY LIFETIME</i>
Give me Liberty!	<i>Give me LIBERTY.....</i>
It's MY Liberty!	
It's MY Liberty!	

--

I know it's coming
And I am gonna create a space for just-us...
To breathe... to heal... to love... to unite...
to move forward... to get right...
to see ourselves...
and do all things...by Black Standards.

We'll get FREE	<i>You know what I'm talking about...Sang it for me!</i>
By-any-means-nece-sary	

And when I depart...I won't look back...

--

Wake up!
Hmmm...
Another day...another dollar...yeah...
...but at what cost?
Code switchin' got my eyes twitchin'...
I can't take it at all, let alone, anymore
Might just risk everything at this point...
And just maybe...maybe...
I'll set myself free...
And be an example to others...
But then...

The fear...
The fear?
The Fear!
The Fear??
The Fear sets...
The Fear Sets...
Sets right on in.

Heavy on my mind you know...
Look at history, they ain't gonna let us build on our own...
Girl, where you going? Anti-Blackness is everywhere...
You do what you want, we built this country, and I ain't going nowhere...

...yeah, new ideas are scary, I get it.
But, never the less, my passion persists...
I'm ready to...

divest from the colony-escape white supremacy!

Follow... the North Star... *Thank you Ancestors!*
The drinking gourd... will replenish *For the encouragement,*
You're almost to the finish!
I realized, that it's not for me to infiltrate or try and change a system, that was
designed and upheld,
without us in mind...

--

Keep-keep on setting us up to fail
And that's the way policy makes it to be
Good intentions pave the way to hell
And, the government keeps on lying to We

Everything's a construct
And based on what you got

Can you tell me what's real and what's not?

Ya got us voting for politicians
Based on the lesser evil

And we know, they're bought and sold
And not here for the people

How can we change policy with no one working for us
Been vying for the changes for many generations
The student loan debt is keeping us from being prosperous
Like clockwork, you keep taxing me,
Where's my representation?

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My neighborhood is disappearing
You got the welfare and private prisons
And the food we eatin' is toxic
Is this the best the first world can offer?

Lobby and pander, for our vote
Manipulate our emotions...
Don't-make-good on your promises...
GOTTA CREATE OUR OWN WAY AND OPTIONS!

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No we won't be able to come back together
If we feel an-ni-mos-ity for each other
No we won't be able to come back together
When we feel an-ni-mos-ity for each other

Open your eyes and see it for what it is
How when can we unite through the willful ignorance?
Ingrained to compete with each other for a lil dividend
And all the while, making others billions

Get ready to decolonize your spirit
It's time to move on your calling
The empire is falling

DECONLONIZE YOUR SPIRIT!!
Ooooooooooh-Ooooooooooh-Ooooooooooh!!!

--

I'm not this
Not that
Not this
Not that
Not this
"Artist Activist"
That you label me

I'm not this
Not that
Not this
Not that
Not this
"Artist Activist"
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I heard I'm political
Because I write about Black life
The joy and the strife
With no stereotypes
I yearn for the day
When I don't have to keep talking about this plight
Crea-ting art in-response to-our trau-ma
Still-I-stay
Vig-i-lant In defining what my
Art-is-try means to me

It's my intellectual property

It's
Hard to tell
If my
Words inspire change
Or-are-you
Just being 'entertained'?

I'm not this
Not that
Not this
Not that
Not this
"Artist Activist"
That you label me

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Bittersweet feelings
When Speaking truth to power
Becomes commodified
What an antithesis!!

I create this art
So I can push through
But then it gets
consumed
at face value

I'm not this
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"Artist Activist"
That you label me

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To my past
I have so much inside
I've learned from you,
but I live in the present
and the view is splendid
and I have no wish or want
to learn the same lessons
over and over
'cause you've given me my truth

Therapy

When your people leave,
Your life...
It can get very out of hand
I wasn't sure if I could even stand
Up on my own two feet
Without mommy or daddy
The grief though,
it seemed to lead me
to the self I didn't know yet

Therapy

There's a light
At the end of the tunnel
I can see in my future I am Free
Living off the Land!!!!
Surrounded by healing hands!!!!

I can stand!!!!
I can breathe!!!!
I know who I am!!!!!!
I have complete (complete!) autonomy!!!!

And fully love
Myself to
the core
of my being
Reflecting our Ancestors dreams

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Let's call it out. Let's call it out. Let's call it out.
And Do SOMETHING about it!

The lies you told
displays the disconnection
of your mind and soul
your status, no exception

The lies you told...
...of your mind and soul.

P: So you start off with your heart up in the right place
Make promises, you're gonna do what's not been done
It boils down - intention versus impact
You know your hands is tied
Ego says, you're the ONE

You've become what you said that, you never would be
Smile in the peoples' face - bare minimum with change
You got your chance to sit up at the 'table'
Going back and forth, telling us these fables

What a time to behold, I cannot wait to see
What's on the other side of this great,

CATASTROPHY!!

We can no longer hide, There's gotta be more to life
We've gotta create it, 'Cause nobody's coming to save us.

Third Eye Blind and you don't know where you're going
Alls you see is flashing lights, big ideas in your way
How you gain the power ain't gonna share it?
Use our culture to get clout
Aesthetics, what you be about

Third Eye Blind and you don't know where you're going
We know our history, but we keep re-peat-ing
It's time to reap what we've been sowing
So give the people what is tangible
And not a monument

What a time to behold, I cannot wait to see
What's on the other side of this great,

CATASTROPHY!!

We can no longer hide, There's gotta be more to life
We've gotta create it, 'Cause nobody's coming to save us.

More to life...
There's gotta be more to life...
All you wanna do is fight...
Our homes are compromised...
There's gotta be more to life...
Than your signifying...
And your gentrifying...
There's gotta be more to life.

More to life, More to life
More to life, More to life
All you wanna do is fight...
compromised... compromised...
More to life, More to life
signifying... signifying...
gentrifying... gentrifying...
More to life, More to life

Ahhhhhhh-Ahhhhhhh

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