



## Public Enemy “Fight the Power”

1989 the number another summer (get down)  
Sound of the funky drummer  
Music hittin' your heart 'cause I know you got sold  
(Brothers and sisters hey)  
Listen if you're missin' y'all  
Swingin' while I'm singin'  
Givin' whatcha gettin'  
Knowin' what I know  
While the Black bands sweatin'  
And the rhythm rhymes rollin'  
Got to give us what we want  
Gotta give us what we need  
Our freedom of speech is freedom or death  
We got to fight the powers that be  
Lemme hear you say  
Fight the power

[Chorus:  
Fight the power  
Fight the power  
Fight the power  
Fight the power  
We gotta fight the power that be]

As the rhythm designed to bounce  
What counts is that the rhymes  
Designed to fill your mind  
Now that you've realized the prides arrived  
We got to pump the stuff to make us tough  
From the heart  
It's a start, a work of art  
To revolutionize make a change nothin's strange  
People, people we are the same

No we're not the same  
Cause we don't know the game  
What we need is awareness, we can't get careless  
You say what is this?  
My beloved lets get down to business  
Mental self-defensive fitness  
(Yo) bum rush the show  
You gotta go for what you know  
Make everybody see, in order to fight the powers that be  
Lemme hear you say...  
Fight the Power

[Chorus]

Elvis was a hero to most  
But he never meant shit to me you see  
Straight up racist that sucker was  
Simple and plain  
Mother ---- him and John Wayne  
Cause I'm Black and I'm proud  
I'm ready and hyped plus I'm amped  
Most of my heroes don't appear on no stamps  
Sample a look back you look and find  
Nothing but rednecks for 400 years if you check  
Don't worry be happy  
Was a number one jam  
Damn, if I say it you can slap me right here  
(Get it) let's get this party started right  
Right on, c'mon  
What we got to say  
Power to the people no delay  
To make everybody see  
In order to fight the powers that be  
  
(Fight the power)