Magnolia (feat. CeeLo Green & Raheem DeVaughn)

David Banner

Yeah, ooh

Mighty mighty MagnoliaI was sittin' up under these trees

She was talkin' to me, said

"Son do you know who I am? Who I happen to be?"

And I told her, "The Might Magnolia that stand tall for the shoulders of slaves and soldiers

when the days get colder"

I'm so older but I'm young in my spirit

From the blood I'd hear it

From Mr. Malcom Garvey and Marley

Then she started to tell me

How she was used in the lynching of blacks

Branch cracked, broke her arms so his neck would snap

And if I wouldn't rap I'd probably meet the same damn fate

From the same damn rope, I'm 'bout the same damn weight

I said, "Wait man, wait"

I still got the nooses just loose and they tighten that bitch up

When I'm speakin' the truth

They need proof that God exist

So I gave The God Box

It ain't shit hard as this, it ain't shit hard as this

Flick a wrist, I flick a brick

An O, I still get this dough

These bitches know

Everywhere we go it's Mississippi ho

Peace the dro

This some old outer space ballin, spacecraft callin'

Black George Jetson Juice City jack kawin'

Paintin' pictures of scriptures

I know that ya'll missed us

Crackers out here stackin' they army

Tryna enlist us

You pissed us off enough to clique up on your ass

The last shall be first and the first shall be last

No average, no savage, this King Mula

Billion dollar freedom fighter

And I take it if I gotta nigga

Cracker

Oh Mother Magnolia

Your daughters and your sons

May the sky start cryin'

As they hung lifeless from your arms
Please Mother Magnolia
Although the fruit is strange
It's been such a long time comin'

But will the seasons ever change?Let me try to offer ya'll a whole 'nother perspective really quick

Now this African American officer was an undercover
He lost a little brother because of a gang color
Which eventually accelerated the cancer that killed his mother
And he was married to a white woman that they called a nigga lover
And it became a full time job not to kill a nigga
I wonder does he still consider that he's still a nigga
We all got choices, and the real recognize what's real and chose
But he's basically still undercover in his civilian clothes
All the right reasons

But he may not even get that love again
'Cause salary's still not enough to be a Republican
Issues of growin' up without a dad
Had 1 too many one night and forgot his badge
A brawl ensued with a racist cop
Didn't stop and ask

He was sure that he was a nigga when he shot his ass

Oh Mother Magnolia
Your daughters and your sons
May the sky start cryin'
As they hung lifeless from your arms
Please Mother Magnolia
Although the fruit is strange
It's been such a long time comin'

But will the seasons ever change? If a tree could speak
It's probably shed a tear and weep
For the skin like mine
For being there behind Confederate lines
Mighty Magnolia
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