

# Excellent, 2017

## Sho Baraka

Yeah

Trap, trap jazz Hold up, I know you don't want no problems now  
Break it down, there's no way you can keep us out  
Excellence, you know we about our excellence

Oh lord, oh lord run it back again

Hat on top 'cause we think excellent

Frames on straight 'cause I see excellent

Dressed for success 'cause I be excellent

Everything we do, everything we do

Excellent

TSB 'cause we live excellent

Art on high 'cause we make excellent

We thank God 'cause He be excellent

Everything we do, everything we do

Ooh!

Bars like Attica

Rap Benjamin Banneker

Building up communities, here to raise the standard up

Excellence

Yeah that new Peter and Paul

Gordon Parks, off the charts

It's Kobe without a ball

(Excellence)

Booker T, giving knowledge for cheap

Smart and cool, that's a college degree

Excellent like building strong families through years of oppression

There is no recession when all you know is the great depression

Reading Phillis Wheatley I'm tryna avoid the greedy

Mother Teresa in sneakers, tryna serve the needy

Cool in school, FAMU & Tuskegee

New school educators - Dhati and Thabiti

Focused like Moses but I'm feeling ill-equipped

I'm praying for a rod and the Red Sea to split

A crew to hold me up and a pharaoh to beef wit'

Just point me to the promise, I'm exiting Egypt

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Excellence

Hat on top 'cause we think excellent

Frames on straight 'cause I see excellent

Dressed for success 'cause I be excellent  
Everything we do, everything we doExcellent  
We problem solvers they are problem starters  
Excellent  
We lay down our life, come visit the martyrs  
I'd rather better judgement than a bigger budget  
I guess massive money make you jokers coon in public  
Annie Malone and Bethune, we excellent educators  
Serena with nothing but love, we still serve the haters  
Feeling old, gimme soul, rap Leon Bridges  
When I commit to drop these hits, y'all gon' need some stitches  
Excellent  
Fight for justice from creation to the tomb  
I know Black lives matter, and they should matter in the womb  
I don't do a lot of talking  
Most of you who claim you woke are really sleep walking  
Praying for the strength so I can fight for the people  
Only thing I'm afraid of is God and my ego  
Following false heroes, giving my vote to Nero  
If they Marshall Law I'm playing Danny DeVitoHold up, I know you don't want no problems  
now (problems now)  
Break it down, there's no way you can keep us out (keep us out)  
Excellence, you know we about our excellence  
Oh lord, oh lord  
Excellent  
Hat on top 'cause we think excellent  
Frames on straight 'cause I see excellent  
Dressed for success 'cause I be excellent  
Everything we do, everything we doExcellent it's when information turns into wisdom  
Excellent like the peace that came with Mandela out the prison  
Excellent it's knowing I'm not defined by the wealth and stuff  
Get the rich, line 'em up, they'll tell you money is not enough  
Forgive us Lord 'cause we want love without truth  
The world is spiritually poor 'cause we want heaven without you  
It's malpractice, we want healing without patience  
We don't want a heart transplant, we want facelifts  
I was poetic so they forgave my poor ethics  
A misogynistic skeptic with methods of good aesthetics  
I was so dirty, unworthy and insufficient  
I don't worry, he loves me when when I'm inconsistent  
Commitment greater than talent, service over status  
Passion over tactics, I don't drive your bandwagon  
I keep grinding until they name a climate after me  
Until it's common knowledge you jokers shouldn't be rhyiming after me  
I'm wired to be inspired by the lovers and the haters  
I take it to different levels like I'm rapping on elevators  
If you reaching for the top you better learn to survive  
You can either fall or fly when you reaching for the sky  
Fly excellent

Or fall excellent  
But never quit  
Never quit

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