

CONDUCT

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Intro: To live unconsciously is to live at the disposal of forces masterful at herding sheep to slaughter. And our historical reactions to these manipulations have caused us to pull the wool over our own eyes. Seeing clearly requires using history wisely and taking responsibility for our own conduct.

Verse 1: If I'm pissed, outraged and still angry after four hundred years of a system still playing me false, like my life is just worthless, my offspring will pay for generations. That doesn't mean that I'm blind to your scheming, think that you're taking me out your just dreaming. I affirm life, stand in my power, I won't surrender my soul to be devoured through my conduct or yours.

Chorus: Conduct how you're living', be the driver not the driven;

Ad-lib: I'm not here to be driven.

Chorus: be clear that you're giving a signal to life to send right back to you.

Ad-lib: I won't allow my thoughts to be the problem that you create so you can solve them

Chorus: Your thoughts hold the essence of your problems and your blessings,
the result of a lesson to think right thoughts, you decide what is true.

Verse 2: Your ways sometimes they're so subtle they slide without a rebuttal, but don't you know that what's done in the dark comes to the light and goes straight to the heart? So please, don't think for a minute that your mind and the thoughts that are in it aren't known by a power that's greater and sooner not later you've got to give account of your conduct.

Chorus: Conduct how you're living', be the driver not the driven;

Ad-lib: Don't be driven by propagandist; you drive

Chorus: be clear that you're giving a signal to life to send right back to you.

Ad-lib: Your thoughts hold the essence of your problems

Chorus: Your thoughts hold the essence of your problems and your blessings,
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Bridge: The time has come for the people to arise

Counter: (Female) Are you gonna live in the negative or the positive
(Male) Wake up it's time, a time to rise, a time to shine
and no longer accept injustice and political lies.

Raja: It's time to demonstrate that there's more to our plight than fate.

Bridge: But our consciousness and awareness must be raised

Counter: We need a change, a change of heart, a change of mind
so that a higher light can guide us through this maze. (Repeat "this maze")

Verse 3: Though it's clear the systems against you, white-washed didn't bother to rinse you, hung you out on a limb to dry, not giving a damn whether you live or die; you wanna rise? Then hold on for a minute, your mind and the thoughts that are in it are yours to create how you're living, the trouble starts when you start giving control of your mind to another, teacher, preacher, politician, father, mother oh no! You've got to think for yourself, cause you can't go blaming anybody else for your conduct.

Chorus:

Verse 4: You can't go blaming anybody else for the rage and anger you're feeling displayed through banging and killing shows that at a very deep level, you're still wrestling with a superficial devil. You've got a mind and heart, consider what you're doing, how your behaviors influence the plight of our people confronting genocide, when the hope of the future undoubtedly rides on your conduct.

Bridge: Don't let the temptation for violence bring you down
Though hopelessness and despair are all around

Raja: You've got your eye on the wrong enemy.
Let the system legislate and it might just be too late.
The changes that must be made begin inside.
Stand up, stand strong and show the world your pride

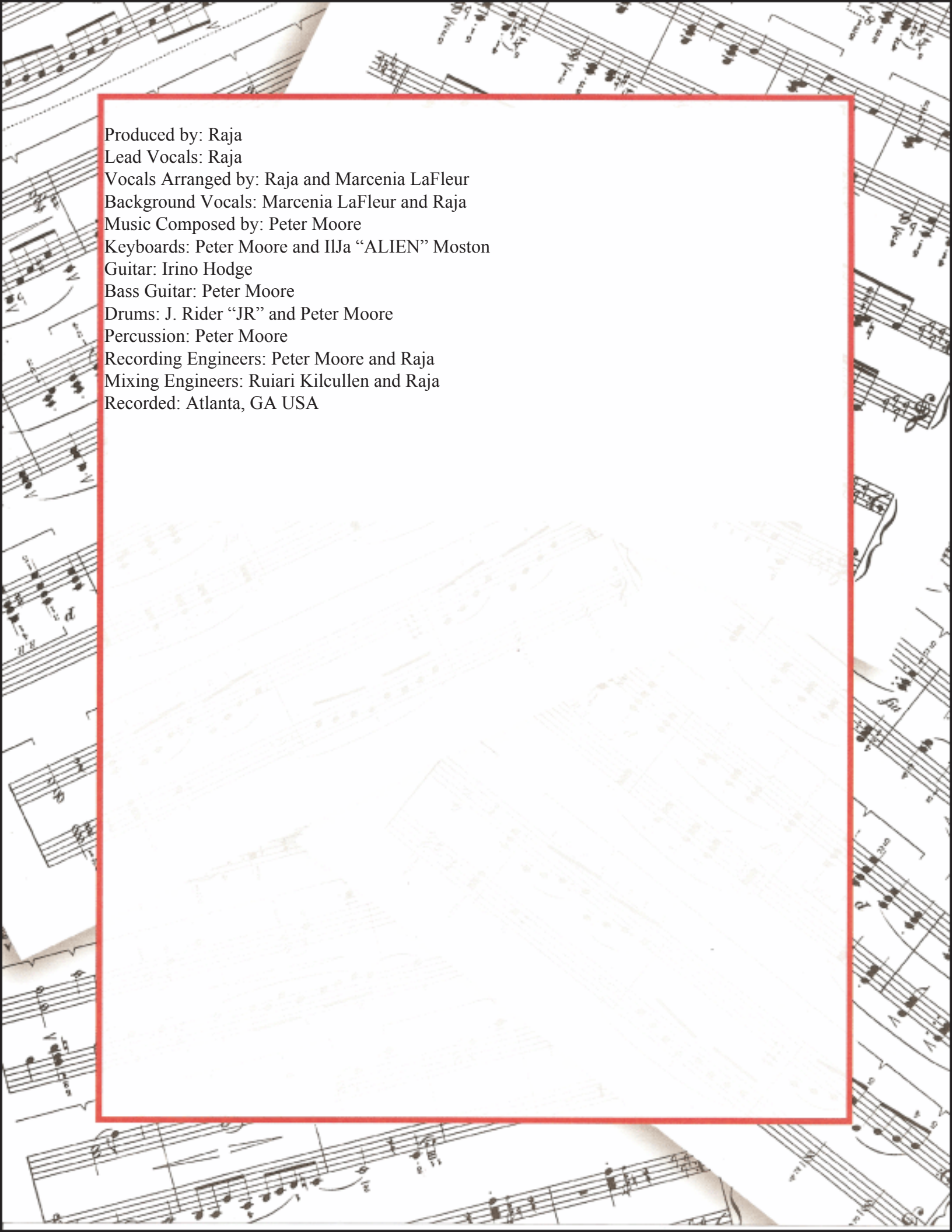
Raja: I didn't say your hide

Verse 5: What chance can you ever have to make it in life, when you're robbing and taking the things that belong to another and saying to the kids it's cool. Brother take heed of the whole situation; would you want me working in your corporation if I displayed a mentality that said I had to scheme in order to be free? Bust up your old way of thought and let's bring the erosion to a halt; and brothers let's pump it up a notch! You still standing on the corner with your hand in your crotch and your pants falling all off your a....

Don't say that Raja!

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Ad-libs: You've got to understand that conduct fosters culture; and culture denotes character; and character creates consequences. Ya think?

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