

Yudrug (Turquoise Dragon) གཡུ་འབྲུག་ཚོན་ཐེང་ ལྷ་བ་ཐོན་པོ།



Yudrug, translated into English as Green or Turquoise Dragon, is the name of a popular Tibetan band from Machu, eastern Tibet. Their most well-known track, 'New Generation,' was released in February 2010 as a gift to Tibetans – especially the younger generation – on the Tibetan Lunar New Year. A declaration of Tibetan pride, the song is uniquely Tibetan in spite of its foreign rhythm. The lyrics and the beat draw inspiration from contemporary Hip Hop culture, which originated as a protest tool for disenfranchised youth, especially African-American youth in the United States, to reflect on and critique the social, economic and political realities of their lives. *[Profile by Students for a Free Tibet]*

"New Generation"

..for the hard-headed people out there

Lyrics: "Strong Willed"

Composition: Turquoise Dragon

Vocals: Turquoise Dragon and Blue Moon

The noise of vehicles has woken us
Among the crowded tall buildings
Our dreams and belongings have all been packed

See the polluted sky and know
We can't afford to wait for tomorrow's sunrise
Now wake up...

It's already time to walk on the road
It's time to walk, time to think
Our bare shoulders wet with sweat
Our long hair tangled by the wind
Our faith and lives are adorned by freedom

Our collective path is determined by individual choice
As much sweat as you shed
That much result shall you reap

So said our great forefathers
But our forefathers are long gone
We don't have to keep quiet

The owner of karma has left me like a toy
With strength and talent I need to somehow respond
Even the old lady neighbour says I'm spoiled
With power and ability I'll prove them all!

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At one time I thought that love was everything
Then love turned me into nothing
A girl I loved so much
Has given me a very beautiful gift
Now I haven't lost her
The dream of love has not been lost

Deceit and cunning!
In a society where people are deceived by money, fame and power
Will I ever find a meaningful love?
Will i ever find a definite pledge?
Who among us will?

We are caught up in our thoughts of pain and of mere fashion
We wrote our own darkness and we're scared of living
We embody the pride of youth and search for future aspirations with full willpower

Search!
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We are the new generation of today

As I achieved what I wanted to achieve
My dreams don't waiver in the night

As I said what I wanted to say
I didn't turn into a mute
I did it for me only!

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As I said what I wanted to say
I didn't turn into a mute
I did it only to represent myself!

Get used to me!
I am the decadent breath of your uncontrollability

Get used to me!
I am under your limitless uncontrollable watch

Get used to me!
I am the manifestation of today and the substance of tomorrow

I am very light, in your imagination
I am very small, in your vegetable patch

Does your advanced theory wish to blow up my head?
Does your forced bullet wish to shoot through my heart?

I am just an old and damaged vehicle
The horse of time departed early morning
The small flame under your saddle
The blood and bodies frozen in the ice are bound to fade

We are the sharp wisdom that your speeches and lectures haven't reached
We are the smooth darkness that your flame and power hasn't absorbed
We are the response with playfulness that makes your heart ache
We are the infection and fright to your livelihood!

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Our story has not ended here
It's just the beginning
We never fall asleep but are awake forever

Get used to dreaming
Get used to unlawful damage and uprisings
Get used to this way of living
Get used to moving forward

To our beloved and proud new generation

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