

Islamic Empires - Lyrics

"The Empires of Islam"

Intro

Mecca, Medina, Arabia, uh huh,
We bow down and we raise it up,
Uh huh,
Imams guide Islam,
So get to your mosque,
And read your Qur'an.

Now deep in the desert, this guy called Muhammad,
Heard a voice calling, he's like, "Yo, I'm on it."
Started in Mecca, and he conquered it,
Then it spread out across the continent.
Converting Bedouin tribes with some threats and knives,
Plus some smart tactics and tolerance in their lives.
Mecca, boy, yeah that's where I come from,
By 632 Arabia was Muslim.
Muhammad regarded Christians and Jews
As people of the book; said, "Just let 'em do what they do."
But he spoke of jihad, that's a struggle for faith,
Said if you die for Islam, you get the blessings of God.
His successors disagreed and fought like Tupac,
You're either caliph or you're not.
Sunnis follow the way, but it's disputed,
Shia's only 10 percent, so they're persecuted.
Muslim empire expanded in Pakistan,
And through North Africa into Spain.
Turkish Ottomans came in and they took over,

Now the sultan's commanding some slave soldiers.
Others moved on India, bringing Urdu,
Fight with spears; spears hurt more than words do.
"Babur the Tiger" earned his stripes,
Fighting for the Mughals, staying out of trouble.

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My navigator wasn't made by Lincoln,
My navigator was me, my own intuition.
Used the sun, moon, and stars, the astrolabe,
A director with good sense like an old-school GPS.
Bow in grace, five times I pray,
'Cause in Allah is where I place my faith.
Speaking Swahili brought to you by Africans,
Because they built mosques on their continent.
The numbers you use, we brought them to you,
Arabic numerals from Hindus in 1202.
Cleanliness, yeah, that's next to godliness,
And who but Allah is the purest?
Our doctors knew how blood moved,
Health is vital, so we built medical schools.
Attached them to temples to show our gratitude,
Caring about people, I live amongst you.
As a Muslim, if you get the chance,
Head on down to Mecca for the experience.

Like Muhammad Battuta and his journeys through
Egypt, China, Sumatra and Timbuktu.

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Muslim Rappers

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