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UNDISPUTED TRUTH

Minneapolis' Brother Ali is everything an underground rapper oughta be: A high-spirited, pitilessly honest, socially aware civilian who can ether out fools with a flick of his wit, who can flow with as much brio as any tipsy Top 40 thug, who's got funk and soul beats (via Atmosphere producer Ant) that bounce rather than brood, who spends more time worrying about his family than tossing bills at a pole, and who says up front: "I ain't gotta prove to any of you / That anything I ever said is the truth / *But I'm ready to do it.*" C.A.