This K'naan
This goes out to anybody that's ever had to leave their home

I came out of a killer, neighborhood called River Where life expectancy is shorter than a caterpillar I was once a guerrilla, Mogadishu was my cage My trainer was the gauge, AK was my baby sitter While we be out and looting, the whole city was shooting I know it's fucked up but somehow, that sound became soothing Niggas heard African rappers and thought about them foofoo You superman, tell the real soldier boy come to shoot you Sexual intercourse what you in nigga Fuck what you heard, yeah nigga Come walk in the dark no fear nigga It's a dry in my eyes no tear nigga Working malaria, your hood can't really compare here Got keys, they really love barrier Come near here, I'm daring you I'll shoot you not being afraid Life gave me a rock and a lemonade Blew up my school in the 8th grade while playing catch with a hand grenade Yeap, that's a true story, this ain't Hollywood glory I ain't the prince of Zamunda, dog, my life is too gory

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Now my second home city, what can I say
It took my fucking heart from me
I played the judge part pardon if I'm larceny
Oh yeah, that mean it never got no bars for me
T-dot O to the motherfuckering dot B
And the Rexdale project [?]
Fuck puck but it ain't no hockey
When the cops came, they knocked me, they got me
I had to flee, they said to bargain, I had to plea
So I crossed the border while they put a warrant out for me

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