

# Rest In Peace

7L & Esoteric

Yo Friday night, feelin' right, fuckin' with this bad chick  
Gats click, now I'm hit, shit, watch the blood spit  
I fall face down, background is H-Town  
Needle drag, music stops, people call the cops  
For a rap cat, shot dead in the back  
Over a dame, for some reason of which I cannot explain  
My name was little known at this time  
'Less we use the Boston, Mass as the measuring line  
My crime bein waxed, redirects, people's TV's set  
Maybe you're seein the checks, or see 'em as threats  
My fam cries at the wake, some guys do steaks  
With their eyes on my tape, realizin my surprisin fate  
Ten-to-five covered, then from five-to-eight  
Now the average rap fan starts to gravitate  
To the Ese-Esoteric, to see if they were sleepin'  
On a dope MC whose skills need peepin

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And major labels profit off of that, but then there's freak  
(It's Esoteric rest in peace)  
And now everybody's checkin' for my posthumous release  
(Death is a final step)  
"You know dead rappers get better promotion"  
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Check now as I look down, it's kinda tough swallowin'  
The fact that I'm a dead rapper with a cult followin'  
Legions of fans got their hands on my old jams  
And new fans, they were sayin' "Oh damn!"  
At every punchline, and now the rumors break and hit  
'Cause everybody knew that I was workin' on some new shit  
Cats askin, "Who's on it? Who produced it?"  
Straight up, just ask deceased, let the man {"rest in peace"}  
All my old friends are now sayin' that's a spiritual  
My mother wants my material  
Girlfriends sayin' that I'm lyrical, fightin over rights  
Sellin' RIP t-shirts at open mics  
Fans thought the East/West was comin' to South  
Got the Source van in front of my house  
XXL and Elemental runnin' their mouth  
Got my dad depressed, he's bout to flip, put a gun in his mouth

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Now majors havin bidding wars, and deals on the table  
Labels unstable 'cause my face is on cable  
Even underground critics say that I'm the best that did it  
Even though they shitted on my last hit-it  
I don't get it, Sony pimped me up in a week  
And now my acapella's flowin' over wack commercial beats  
They shot my video, with an Esoteric stunt double

In a Lex bubble, sayin' it was footage from the night before the trouble  
No red tape, just sample clearances and mad guest appearances  
(Like who?) A lot of guys whom I never authorized  
As my mother looks into the skies to apologize  
Although I'm dead mom, my soul remains undaunted  
Now you can actually afford the things you wish you flaunted  
And even though every studio will be haunted  
I finally got the major label budget that I wanted

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