

Young, Gifted And Black

Big Daddy Kane

So out of the MERCY of Allah
and the LAW, written in our nature
We call an INDIVIDUAL, into existence
And when that individual, I make, NO apologies
for what I'm about to say

Rough, rugged and real, you're on standstill
to obey okay so let the man build
words of rapture that you have to capture
And I just slapped ya
with the hand full of literature
that's dope def fresh hype choice smooth and raw
Rappers I replace, rub out, and erase
Competition you must be on freebase
Smokin or chokin, bound to be broken
Man, get your damn hands off the mic that I'm chokin!
Cause I got a strangehold
You're still cold off the road for the role you stole
Rhymes that you yell out, but you did sell out
Crossed-over, lost over here, now get the hell out
I'm not a pop star, rock'n'roller
I'm a rebel, BLESSED, able to hold a
mic like a hammer, and drop grammar
Treat a rapper like a wrestler, and body slam him
Those who dispute get treated just like a prostitute
They get the boot and played like a flute
so just PLAY mute, don't even whisper
Open your mouth to speak and I'm diss ya
Ragtag and dog, put you in the morgue
Because you're petty confetti and not ready to rock steady
In other words, you're half-steppin'
Tiptoein, get goin, because my weapon
is not a nine, an uzi or a shotgun
But when it come to hype rhymes I got one
Just like the album is still the same
Long Live the Kane ain't a damn thing changed
I still get ill and kill at will and build the skill
to fill your grill so don't tell me you're real
We sample beats, you sue and try to fight us
tchk Maaan, you still be home with arthritis!
If we didn't revive em, bring back alive
old beats that we appreciated, you wouldn't survive
You'd be another memory to us
Ashes to ashes and dust to dust
So understand, the way that I live
that's positive - and the message I got to give
It's a benefit for you and me
I'm talkin bout P.E.A.C.E.
The chosen one that has turned a new leaf
I got gold teeth, and they don't chew beef
No pork on my fork, strictly fish on my dish
The Kane fallin victim? *tchk* Sucker, you wish
I flow like water, slaughter
Put you out of order.. floored ya!
Rappers are raggin and taggin and snaggin and braggin
to be on the bandwagon, but I'm the Last Dragon

With the knack to attract the pack
so just GET BACK, I'm young, gifted and black

And just go with the flow you know
In the place to be with my man Marley Marl
Sendin this out to Divine Force
Can't forget my main man Heavy D
And to my good brothers EPMD
And to my man Ice-T over on the West Coast
Can't forget Kool Moe Dee, Busy Bee, MC Lyte, the Audio Two
I say, peace!