Listen...I'ma tell you straight like this Word up! Listen... Hey yo! I walk down the block Wit' my stomach in knots Spend time hustlin' runnin' from cops. Broke as a joke, no wins at all Can't play ball and my Timb's are small. Can't buy trees wit' government cheese I rather be where it's breeze, niggas bubblin keys. My moms got two jobs, one on her knees And writin' letters to the governor-Please call off the deeds! My baby mother wit' another brother wit' cash They drive by, roll down the window and laugh. I solve all my problems wit' indo and hash Bought my daughter a Nintendo Now she callin' it dad. My landlord's a jerk, the water don't work My little sister twelve And she bought her own skirt. Rather do Kurt than do her homework Talk blunts and boys and she'll jump fa' joy. Shit's twisted! Opportunity knocked But I missed it, out in the park gettin' lifted. So now I'm sittin' here shit outta luck Without a buck and it don't make a difference! So yo! If you hear me Cause if you don't I come up close And say it clearly. I got ta' know-I got ta' go! I strive fa' my pay each and every way But this type of shit, it happens everyday! It's like I'm trapped in a maze Walk around in a daze. I won't rest til' I'm paid Almost down in my grave. I wanna' look tough but my sneakers is scuffed Everyday passing the week is enough. I had a little money but it came and it went Now it's either pay the rent or stay in a tent. And it don't make sense how the shit is intense And all ya' got up in ya' pocket is lint. You get the hint! I had a cigarette fa' breakfast, just a beginner Fries fa' my lunch and sleep fa' dinner. Try ta' go ta' church priest call me a sinner They call me everything except for a winner. I'm walkin' in the rain wishin' things would change It ain't a game and I pawned all the rings and chains. Emotionally scarred from losin' my job Pastor nod-nigga times is hard.

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Now would ya' check me?
If I was you and you was me
Would you respect me?
I got ta' know-I got ta' go!
I strive fa' my pay each and every way
But this type of shit, it happens everyday!

Yo, yo! I ain't gonna' front! All I want is a blunt A pair of blue and yellow dunks And my hundreds in chunks. But people see me, put they purse to the front I'm wakin' up early in the first of the month. Honeys don't respect when you callin' collect And it's twenty-five cent, you can call em' direct. I put my life on the line, I ain't makin' a dime Niggas call me never mind. Man, you're wastin' ya' time! Hey yo! I'm livin' in the ghetto And I'm tryin' ta' survive. At the same time a nigga rollin' by in a five Can't find a job for a 9 ta' 5 It's like the only gettin' by When ya' feelin' the high. And I ain't got no smoke, the elevator broke I'm at the end of my rope Tryin' ta' find a way ta' court. I'm sippin' on gin thinkin' how I could win I don't know where it begin But this is where it could end.

Now yo!