Trying to keep my head above water Selling myself short to meet the fucking quota Still there's niggas at my heels to get my paper Stacking up in the bank, the layers on the cake-a Thinking like Jimmy, Tami, oh it's low down Niggas be getting mad as I go 'round like Pac The shit don't stop, I hid the rock in my sock Did my day and a half, now it's autographs I be signing Instead of police papers Caught scheming, not pulling capers, no fed time Just mental healing What you dealing with? The angelic uplift It's a way to save everything with your gift (Yeah) Now a seed to a tree was to be (Yeah) A boy to a man comes up quickest like a dream You really don't understand why 'Til you gone and dead So when your time comes Just remember what I said Human'll find truth to tell a lie Take away my past and don't show me I can fly Sly like Stone, it's on, you say peace I can't relate homes, I'm on the fucking streets Believe it or not, I'm sure there be calmer situations When dirty cops approach me joe, I'm on probation Hesitating could get me took What can I do? Mildew? Can I take your place on your next trip to The islands of Alto, so it's going down like that I'm back to bat dropping wits on wax To fit into the mix of the rich and scan'lous Can't let 'em handle us any kind of way, fuck it And run away, I don't want it torn joe I think they gay, don't wanna play my shit up north But that's okay, jealousy can go a long way And what goes around comes around in the A-town

Have you ever thought about what it would be like If everybody woke up and said "Fuck work" Webs of small talk, people caught up in this thing I try to relax, but I stay shaking like the blue flame It keeps coming, this and that, that and this Another suing me, well I add him to the list Flows and flows, with the girls with the tight clothes Saying anything to get off in these back doors Irritating like what's on them thirties Ain't looking for no more friends, I got enough buddies A thousand attempts with thirty cents to their name I got enough pine but I can't find the flame Sweet like honeysuckles, country like that cha cha on the green Jumping fences and rooms with large laughter Original gene grafter, more and more ways to eat Brews tested by the astronauts, turn the turn the watts up Listen to what I said CNN all day in your eyes and your head

No longer can I ask when I'm in your presence Now it's hard to tell whether you're trying to hurt or help me At the bottom of this barrel scraping Next time I promise to stand for self-determination Instead of always taking from cool Keeping the same color as you and me, continue to battle DNA Let's travel to a remote city get back, have mercy Unravel and break the chains of chemical dependency Plastic can eventually explode bits and pieces of my soul Shattering, just not being put back together We can rule, but still brothers won't use that tool In between their shoulders, click Hearts cold as bricks, nipples what better way to cripple An entire race on the paper chase Getting my toes stepped on, then kicked in my face Every time I open my mouth I represent the South Dirty like red, it was the lifestyle I led Worshipping vanity, fornicating out of wedlock Locked in yesterday's trunk of secrets, I fled Went from sugar to sheet rock Get your rocks, sweet licks turn sour By the hour, over on tiger flower If that light went on that meant go Say what you really mean, I atone For all the women I abused as a youngster People got four fifths out this dumpster

Compositions should be able to make the connections From reflections of living Why every breath is God-given Appreciating, especially waiting Letting time do the educating In order to know Sunshine and the rain are both needed Or the seed can't grow It's given me some form of inner vision How the paragraphs are prepared with precision Unveiling evidence that this is no coincidence We've been sent Judge not by my skin color but my character's content In no way is this an attempt to claim to be exempt From my people's situations, but I have moral obligations See I want to be all right with God Long conversations at night with God My arms are gonna always be too short to fight with God To all this might not be appealing But I can't help feeling the way I do I realize that my reward won't come from any of you See everybody got a little light under the sunshine But unselfishly I still want to share mine And what you choose to do is on you You've got to stand on your own feet cause I ain't got but two I can't knock you for not knowing But I could for you not wanting to learn Nor for asking, but I could for you not wanting to earn No I can't, cause somebody even had to tell me twice So this music is my sacrifice, so I'll be dedicated Determinated and dependable, to demonstrate directly And use the opportunity correctly So forget the gold teeth And uh, and uh Forget the bald head

Forget it sound country
Just remember what I said