

## 5th Gear

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Mic check, mic check  
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Ye'... y'all know who it is. Ta-ha  
Oh! Uh. Uh-uh-uh  
It's... it's... it's that on top music!

Look, come an' cruise wit' me  
I'm good in any hood, no matter who's wit' me  
My mind on gettin' money, bumpin' new 50  
Or my mind was off music, 'till Clue hit me  
An' told me keep it on the booth strictly.  
So I step in, watchin' my surroundings and my settin'  
Then I let the Percocet set in.  
Rough year, lost five of my homeboys  
I ain't worried 'bout it, y'all alive, just home boy.  
I feel like I'm the last real nigga left, or...  
Or maybe all the real niggas just left  
We growin' extinct, we like Dinosaurs  
There's only a few exceptions, so minus y'all.  
The greatest rapper alive, is wearin' suits and ties  
So you got a buncha' whack niggas sayin' they him.  
Used to be if you strive for so somethin' you could achieve it  
Now just say shit, these niggas'll believe it.  
I'm done screamin' out Jump Off rules  
Lost my girl, broke all of my Jump Off rules.  
Kept fu'ckin' the side chick, so a nigga lied more  
Picked 'er up in the womans car, that I ride for  
Creepin', I would hide more  
Got confused as to who I'm 'sposed to fight for  
I can't even blame the jump, it was my fault  
'Cause I gave 'er the gun and she killed the only bi'tch I would die for.  
So the noise is calt' for  
When you goin' through Ts type of Pain -  
Dawg, ya voice gets altered.  
Know it's hard to stay calm  
Goin' need State Farm  
When you fu'ckin' with a con  
No, not Akon. (Let's go!)

I'm high off life, a walkin' napalm  
Fastballs comin' at 'em from a Dice-K arm!  
Ridin' suspended L  
No wonder I'm on fire, I already been through Hell.  
So... when the the World's against you well...  
Naw, I never snitch, but I'll let the pencil tell.  
I suffer from wrong thinkin' (so?)  
So I avoid straightjackets  
And the bi'tch that dumped Sean Kingston. (Hmmm)  
Better they respect'chu then to fear you  
I learnt' that starin' at the World in my rear view.  
But come get me, cocksucker I dare you  
Rather box a felon than a nigga that's fearful. (Understand some'...)  
Want a clear view, wit'out a clear view  
I put the wall up but thoughts just tear through.  
God, I hear you, givin' me a earful (but...)  
But I'mma cruise in 5th gear until I'm near you. (Oh!)  
Eye of a Tiger, naw, a Sniper wit' great aim  
I won't be another great slain. (Nigga!)

Takes planes, embrace pain  
Ask Eddie Griffin -  
You gon' lose gon' lose everytime goin' up against a freight train.  
Niggas bleed like us, we in the same World  
Keep the Patron comin' try an' make the day hurl  
It's a few niggas checkin' out my chain pearls  
Go ahead, try' an lift somethin' that'chu can't curl!  
Far from Wayne's World  
If life's a bi'tch, it ain't just R. Kelly an' Ush' fu'ckin' the Same Girl (nope!).  
OG swag, walk gotta' limp in it  
It's my World, everybody's payin' rent in it.  
I left Jers. see I took flight on 'em  
Dudes tried ta' take the crown, (dawg...) didn't look right on 'em (naw!)  
How you gon' fu'ck wit' a crook, heist want 'em  
Play Vanilla Ice, I get Suge Knight on 'em!  
Meanest Porsches, gleamin' crosses  
Came from Queens to restore this  
Deemed it in orbit  
When the red carpet rolled out, that mean it's bosses  
Don't get it fu'cked up, we had fiends before this.  
My third-eye sharp, so keen it's gorgeous (oh)  
I've seen it all, even Halloween in August (talk to 'em!)  
Gun in my hand  
The game used to make you sell ya soul -  
Now it gotta' come wit' a dance.  
I'm on the clear view (whoa!)  
Wit'out a clear view (oh!)  
I put the wall up, but thoughts just tear through (oh!)  
God I hear you, givin' me a earful  
But I'mma cruise in 5th gear until I'm near you. (Oh!)