

## Can't You Tell? / Ghetto

Joell Ortiz

"Can't you tell that I came from the dope game"

Natural born hustler  
Satisfying a customer  
With this little box along side my jugular  
I got the voice of a champ, flow like the levee broke  
Fade away? I bet a Dre publishing check he won't  
I love money too much, I gotta have it  
It been like this for some time, I got a habit  
Of lickin' my thumbs  
And flippin' through ones and crumbled fives  
Before rap made them hundreds arrive  
That was me (where?)  
On that block, drunk with some of my guys  
With bundles and dollar signs in each one of our eyes  
Sometime we stay there until the sun would arrive  
When you awake, I'm in last nights clothes gettin' that cake  
Till the last bit of work was gone and then I skate  
So it's nothin' personal Interscope, I couldn't wait  
I need a release date cause a date mean doe  
I hope my fans understand and don't hate me though  
But yo

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See, in the game I came from we was poor  
So when you got a lot of gwap, you ain't stop you get more (let's go!)  
Don't think a little change gon' make me lounge  
You rappers ain't safe until the Lord send his angels down  
Man, this life don't owe you, you got a lot of nerve  
Everything I get, I get cause I get what I deserve  
Cause I earned it  
Y'all see how I design them words  
Some of y'all say I'm a nerd but it's easy to find a verb  
Couple adjectives and some nouns and give it rhymin' swerve  
And make it fly like when guys come and buy a bird  
See, a lot of my metaphors from the dope game  
If you ain't from there, you won't hear/hair them, you need Rogaine  
Truth of the matter is, I came up wearing no name  
My mom used to tell me, "Walk ahead" to buy her cocaine  
And food stamps held me down like steel  
That's a large part of the reason I feel how I feel  
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Uhhh

Ain't a damn thing promised in the dope game  
Money make your man dishonest in the dope game  
I'm tellin' you, the guns the hottest in the dope game  
So please don't turn Carl Thomas in the "dope game"  
And get emotional, just do what you supposed to do  
Producers send more than one beat cause I'm tryin' to roast a few  
And keep my snare poppin'  
And DJ's hands choppin'  
The Ortiz high won't die, it'll keep the fans coppin'  
The haters is man jockin', they mad cause my Hancock is  
In big bold letters on checks and they waitin' on Flex  
To drop a bomb, I'm Vietnam, your boy I'll watch  
Everything there gon' disappear like my real pops  
Hustler ambition  
Dope boy grindin'  
Don't forget I'm old boy that Snoop's homeboy signed (Dre)  
Things happen for a reason, y'all gon' know Joe name  
I left the packs I'm with the tracks, this my new dope game  
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