

Somalia

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I spit it for my block, it's an ode I admit it
here the city cold as lock and load
any minute it's rock and roll
and then you rock and roll
and feel your soul leavin'
it's just the wrong glance that'll leave you not breathin'
I'm not particularly proud of this predicament but,
I'm born and bred in this tenement I'm sentimental what,
plus it's only right to represent my hood and whatnot
so I'm about to do it in the music and the movies cut,
to the chase pan across to the face I'm right there
freeze-frame on the street name, oops wait a minute
this is where the streets have no and the drain of sewage,
you can see it in this boy how the hate is brewin'
'cause when his tummy tucks in fuck the pain is fluid
so what difference does it make entertaining through it?
some get high mixin' coke and gun powder sniffin'
she got a gun but coulda been a model or physician

so what you know about the pirates who terrorize the ocean?
to never know a simple day without a big commotion?
It can't be healthy just to live with such a steep emotion
And when I try and sleep, I see coffins closin'

Yeah, yeah we used to take barbed wire
mold em around discarded bike tires
and race 'em down the hill on foot blazin'
now that was our version of mountain-bike racin'
daaamn . . . do you see why it's amazin'?
when someone comes out of such a dire situation
and learns the English language as to share his observation
probably get a grammy without a grammar education
so fuck you school and fuck you immigration
and all you who thought I wouldn't amount to constipation
and now I'm here without the slightest fear or reservation
they love me in the slums and their native reservations
the world is a ghetto administerin' deprivation.
But mommy didn't raise no fool, did she hoyo?
I promised I would get it and remain strictly loyal,
'cause when they get it they let it all switch and spoil,
but I just illuminated it like kitchen foil.
A lot of mainstream niggas is yappin' about yappin'
A lot of underground niggas is rappin' about rappin'
I just wanna tell you what's really crack-a-lackin'
before the tears came down this is where it happened