## **The Listening**

**Little Brother** 

Yo, I bought a brand new album today Decide to take it home kick off my shoes relax and play And spin it for the whole joint cause I like to ge the whole point Music is everything to me and I refuse to rock the piece Cause you're my favorite emcee All I want is what you would ask of me; Hi Kwelity And some Definition Wonder why we bootleg like it's prohibition It's difficult it's dismissing I got suspicions that your ears to the streets where we're whispering Are you listening? I took your LP to DC, where some youngins Gave me the LD on how it should be Make sure the beat knock 'til the trunk pop And everybody pause when you cruise down the block Roll down your window and they ask what you playin But don't nobody care what you're sayin ... That's what they told me y'all

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Music was my sanctuary so I take a long listen To hip hop living out my life in songs wishin My parents I could get along with them So I would go inside my room and dig deep inside the strong rhythms Back when fresh was the word, and raw was on prism Marley on the boards, plus Kane was long livin G rap and A spittin murderous Bought long live the kane sat down and learned every word of it Sneakin my walkman in the homeroom playin it Listen for punchlines delivery and cadences But nowadays it's like niggaz wanna play with it They hear some good shit but don't stop to savor it Like one night we was out in my whip With some broads just chillin playin demos and shit Asked 'em how I sounded rockin the mike One chicl told me all she listened to was beats, thank god for ninth Trying to get pressed on vinyl cause muh'fuckers buy your CD But turn around don't even know your song titles Like track 2 is hot, and track 6 is long Ain't even listening, I'm hoping I get through to y'all

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