

# Hard Knocks

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Didn't take nothing, that I didn't need  
'Cause they didn't offer classes in what I wanted to be  
They didn't offer manhood, responsibility  
Had to learn it the hard way  
Earned my degree in the streets

Graduated from Hard Knocks  
Got my education  
Hard Knocks  
Out on the street

Can't bust through that ceiling without feelin' the burn  
And I ain't got nothing that I did not earn  
Chasin' that mighty dollar  
'Stead of hittin the books  
Studying Donny and Stevie  
Learned to sail the hooks

I graduated from hard knocks  
Got the bumps and the bruises to prove it  
Hard knocks  
Summa cum laude  
Hard knocks  
Hard knocks

Had a real good teacher named Mr. Life  
Didn't teach no chemistry but he taught me how to fight  
Didn't teach biology but I learned it from the birds and the bees  
Said stay close to your friends even closer to your enemies

Hard knocks  
Graduated Hard knocks  
Bumps and bruises to prove it  
Hard Knocks  
Hard Knocks  
Got to bring it on home

Said these streets keep calling me  
Don't know what it is  
Is it the thrill that I seek  
I don't know  
Is it the night  
Or the sound of the city  
Whatever it is  
These streets keep calling me  
Day in and night, can't get them off