

# Back To The Basics

MC Shan

Come on y'all  
Get down

It might've took a while  
But you knew I had to hit you with a brand new funky rhyme  
Guess you already know, so I'm ready to go  
Marlon, hit me with the beat one time  
Right now I'm gonna introduce myself  
So y'all know just who I be  
All you suckers in the house stay quiet as a mouse  
Instead of Shan call me Mr. MC  
I'm goin' back to the basics

When I was just a young boy, who ever would've thought  
I'd grow up to be an MC  
But my rhymes are so nice that they paid my price  
Because fortune and fame ain't free  
These words I'm recitin' are written in a style  
That you ain't heard in a long time  
And a song like this'll make a rapper reminisce  
About the days when he was in his prime  
I ain't never lost no battles yet  
What made you think I would?  
How many times does it take, all the rappers I break  
And you still don't think I'm good  
This girl in my class tried to move too fast  
When she tried to pull down my zipper  
Well, things got strange when the whole scene changed  
And I all out tried to strip her  
Teacher stepped in between, sent me straight to the Dean  
That's where I thought my journey ended  
Call your moms up to school, are you some fool?  
And forget about bein' suspended  
You went back to the basics

Here's the story on how I got started  
Yes, way back in the day  
With my man Infinite, Jazzy, Akim  
And fly girl Roxanne Shanté  
People used to hear that our crew was nice  
But rappers just had to be convinced  
And those who walked through 12th Street tried to say a rhyme  
You seen or heard from em since  
We sent em back to the basics

Yes yes y'all, it's like this y'all  
MC Shan with a brand new twist y'all  
One day when me and Marley Marl was playin' in a ditch  
We made this jam that we knew would slam  
And some day it would make us rich  
Marley Marl had be thirty-six bass bottoms  
And he cut you up on the spot  
And with my rhymes combined all the papers got signed  
And the be, be, be, be, Bridge got dropped  
We went back to the basics