Mathematics

Booka-booka-booka-booka-booka Ha hah, you know the deal, it's just me Dog Beats by su-primo for all of my people Negroes and Latinos and even the Gringos Yo, check it, one for Charlie Hustle, two for Steady Rock Three for the fourth comin' live, future shock It's five dimensions, six senses Seven firmaments of heaven to hell, eight million stories to te 11 Nine planets faithfully keep in orbit With the probable tenth, the universe expands length The body of my text possess extra strength Power-liftin' powerless up, out of this towerin' inferno My ink so hot, it burn through the journal I'm blacker than midnight on broadway and myrtle Hip-Hop past all your tall social hurdles Like the nationwide projects, prison-industry complex Working class poor, better keep your alarm set Streets too loud to ever hear freedom ring Say evacuate your sleep, it's dangerous to dream For cha-ching cats get tha cha-pow, who dead now Killin' fields need blood to graze the cash cow Some numbers game, but shit don't add up somehow Like I got, sixteen to thirty-two bars to rock it But only fifteen percent of profits, ever see my pockets like Sixty-nine billion in the last twenty years Spent on national defense but folks still live in fear like Nearly half of America's largest cities is one-quarter black That's why they gave Ricky Ross all the crack Sixteen ounces to a pound, twenty more to a Ki A five minute sentence hearing and you're no longer free Forty percent of Americans own a cell phone So they can hear everything that you say when you ain't home I guess, Michael Jackson was right, 'You are not alone' Rock your hardhat black 'coz you in the terrordome Full of hard niggaz, large niggaz, dice tumblers Young teens and prison greens facin' life numbers Crack mothers, crack babies and aids patients Young bloods can't spell but they could rock you in playstation This new math is whippin' motherfuckers ass You wanna know how to rhyme you better learn how to add It's mathematics

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