Wise words being spoke Y'all know what it is Nap-Nappy Roots. Can I start this one off? OK Each day I listen what the streets say Like a DJ my negroes scratch ghetto recordings, for my peoples Got the eyes of an eagle, can't see us ever being at peace for a reason Cause we ain't never being equal And got us believing we heathens, uncivil soldiers of evil Reach up and assume the position, you know the procedure Can't even leisure smoke hollow reefer With out police and search and seizure by the same police who murdered Cease It's brutal Seeing them treat us like lower creatures than human beings More so like aliens Touring the land of Europeans Seeming to have the tendency to think we ignorant Cause of our pigment, can't take away a nigga's dignity though Still I pimp the industry hoe And even when I'm rich I'm a pretend to be poor My life's a work in progress, soon to be end of the road But I don't stress cause I have been her before, you know My life's a work in progress (and even though I'm rich I'm gonna pretend to be poor) My life's a work in progress (but I don't stress cause I have been here before) My life's a work in progress (and even though I'm rich I'm gonna pretend to be poor) My life's a work in progress (but I don't stress cause I have been here before) In life Every step you take Every right every left you make You can look at it like chess in a way Cause life is best when you take your time Don't make a move, unless you done made up your mind Play by the rules, don't ever play the fool Sometimes you play and lose but you still pay your dues Come on Everybody knows the cost to be the boss Yea the price is kind of steep but sacrifice is never cheap I learned that life can be sweet and bitter at the same time It's the Ying verse the Yang, and it's rain without shine Sometimes against the grain you grind gotta grit your teeth and bear it Matthew 5, verse 5 "The earth the meek shall inherit" Cherish the day before you perish away Cause who can say how many days your power last? It's like a crack in your hourglass In a flash, the hours pass Then you're gone

Long life living (?) will bring you close you dying The more laughs one had will bring you close to crying Cold unforgiving planet, yea it is Racists, communicating those who wrong did I daydream back to the 80's when we was all kids A stab wound kidnapping (?) experience Though at the time not a glock would blow in the wind It's a good day in the hood to witness a stabbing Now stories told to us, without tragedy Seem like it involve bloodshed automatically If you ever get a chance, just stop and use your mind Observe the world for yourself and just check your time Yeah, Oh, Yeah, that's right (my life's a work in progress) Smoke something with your country people Drank something with your country people (my life's a work in progress) Thinking back in Junior high when sex was the shit Fein pussy now a day can get you killed quick 'Bout shootin ball in now they 'bout getting licks I'm playing Nappy Roots just to hear the realest shit Expect it to the best of my know how and my rapping wit See next to nothing sugar coated in these cold streets Whatever you do, be smart, tote your heat Did I mention if you don't work you don't eat If you ever get a chance stop and use your mind Observe the world for yourself and check the time Yea, Smoke something with your country people

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