Yo.. three-hundred and sixty-five days a year We preoccupy self to find life's true meaning We indulge irrelevant contradiction Contradiction which steps up growth Live life each day like it could be your last Yo.. I'm from a place where some mothers sell they babies for crack Where young cats buy gats, shoot and never look back Where the whites live with the whites, and the blacks live with the blacks But somehow we unite, through the culture of rap I'm from Brooklyn, word to the Dodgers, Russian massages Where thugs bust guns, and sons are raised without they fathers We do away with has-beens, rock the latest fashion The rule's never rat - what you want to know, or who's askin Just some habits of highly effective MC's Y'all is pussy rap, my speech made you weak in the knees But talk's cheap, I'm straight from the streets I'm action-oriented when I'm screamin KILL CORRUPT POLICE I read books, reap intelligence to compromise my bad looks I roam with God-bodies and crooks But when I rest my head at night, I'm just happy that I made it Cause someone could take your life, be it my friends or my neighbors Whether, you police or a thug on the streets Whether, you look for beef or you livin in peace Whether, you back down or you stand strong bold Yo we never know what tomorrow gon' hold We can live today, but we're not promised tomorrow We can pass away, say goodbye to yesterday We can live today, but we're not promised tomorrow We can pass away, say goodbye to yesterday It's either me or you in this world cause I be tryin to cope I'm lookin for answers, but still I'm comin up broke They supply the (?) tops, smack, the guns and the coke Who shot Lennon and Malcolm X, one in his throat I'm an old soul that hold but probably young as the Pope Reincarnated as a prophet through a symbol of hope I move through the projects, lights, rhythm and smoke Idiom quotes, somebody said religion's a joke Buried my man at 18, the cancer took him in months He died before he lived, but once gone I felt touched My old earth followed in '91, 6 months apart Project stress, blackouts, and walks in the park People change, cause when I look back I feel strange Goin through old flicks, our days numbered, turnin the page I can't go back, we learn to live with hate and respect A tale from the heart prevail through the pain and regret Whether, you police or a thug on the streets Whether, you look for beef or you livin in peace Whether, you back down or you stand strong bold Yo we never know what tomorrow gon' hold {*singer ad libs to fade*}