

# Redefine Cutter

## Propaganda

73rd and San Pedro,  
Uncle Sunny and Odell  
Take your pick on what killed ya  
Bullets, cancer, or jail  
Huh, what a life.  
Listen

I came out a town in gangs  
And a gang of grace  
Cuz fo' sho' sin abounds and round these parts  
Crowns is made of tin foil  
And them boys play Halo with real guns  
Lay low  
Right there I blang slang  
That twice born rhetoric  
Our Papi pound the ground  
And out came all humanity  
Write heavy handed  
Sharpie ink laced with mercury  
Magnetic raps to draw out all impurities  
Round the time the good Lord took mama winnin  
The light bulb turned on  
This world ain't my home  
I huddled up to Triage  
With curb servers and griots  
That's such an L.A. reference  
All good if you don't get it  
But for those who would listen  
I break you out your radio prison  
Redefine manhood, blackness, and time  
Shape and define culture  
Let me fashion you some shades  
Introduce you to a trend that transcends the will of men  
LORD

I ain't a product  
I ain't apologizing  
You ain't a number  
Pay them no minding  
Ring the alarm  
We came to redefine cutter  
Carve truth in his heart  
And love on her arms

Hey, I'm literate in graffiti  
I am not at all kidding  
From the heart of the city  
That Stevie lived just enough for  
Jackson, Mississippi: My people toiled the soil  
And share croppers' pop coppers got they kin lynched in  
That was the lynch pin of the mass migration into Texas  
Rest of us would push west still  
Manifest destiny  
A black American family  
Wanted better for they kids  
And landed in Southern Cali  
Who knew it was a war zone, my uncles got recruited in

Shawn and Kiona seen death out in Compton  
But they ain't fall victim  
Cousin Brandon either  
We should have framed the tax return and moved us to Covina  
There I met the mic and spray can instead of blue rags  
And fell in love with flairs and entiendo Spanglish  
Stand on my own and rep the Son of Man  
And brand my own chest so I would never blend in  
LORD