

# Midnight Thud

R.A. the Rugged Man

Yo, yo  
I will not stop runnin' 'till I'm winning the race  
I can't live with myself being in second place  
Ay yo, here's a little story, something for your ear  
Like the new millennium version of Paul Revere  
Except this ain't fiction, this is real life here  
I be 30 years old and even lasting a year  
Yeah I made my mistakes, yeah I paid my dues  
Hated by blacks, made enemies with jews  
I was 7 years ahead of my time in '92  
I said things that wasn't accepted 'till '99  
It's awful, I don't care about the past no more  
I don't want to be rich, trust me, I'd rather be poor  
Now think about it, known as how I never shown my face  
I don't really want fame, I just want my space  
Yeah, I had hard times like Run-DMC  
But actually I feel pretty blessed just to be me  
I never seen the penitentiary  
I've been shook since I seen the ? kid in Penitentiary 3?  
They say I should have been more, I should have been great  
Like I'm washed up now, like it's already too late  
I can feel all the hatred when I walk in the place  
But y'all are too scared to say shit to my face, it's  
Midnight (repeated several times)  
I'll come for you  
When the clock strikes midnight  
I'll come for you  
Ready for hell, ready for war  
Yeah, it's nice to be loved but I like being hated more  
All the sudden magazines give me good reviews  
It used to be my name on the equal bad news  
All the ? that I'm a genius, all the ? I'm bright  
Like I just now became intelligent overnight  
I be as 1990 grimey as I could be  
And finally society can see admiring me  
And finally dirty dirty boy, dirty be  
Wordy wordy free, dirty boy  
Yeah that's me  
My father specialist 5th class Thornburn John A  
A Vietnam war hero, green berret  
Taught me how to shoot guns and taught me how to fight  
Taught to left hooking, taught to uppercut with the right  
Taught me all about bitches, they can ruin your life  
Like in his prime, look what happened to I and Mike  
People wonder what it's like and how is to be me  
The most underrated in hip hop history  
Think I care if you disagree?  
You ain't got no song out  
And right now you're busy listenin' me