

My Melody

Rakim

Turn up the bass, check out my melody, hand out a cigar
I'm lettin' knowledge be born and my name's the R
A K I M, not like the rest of them, I'm not on a list
That's what I'm sayin', I drop science like a scientist

My melody's in a code, the very next episode
Has the mic often distortin', ready to explode
I keep the mic in Fahrenheit, freeze MC's and make 'em colder
The listener's system is kickin' like solar

As I memorize, advertise, like a poet
Keep you goin' when I'm flowin', smooth enough, you know it
But rough, that's why the middle of my story I tell E B
Nobody beats the R, check out my melody

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So, what if I'm a microphone fiend, addicted soon as I sing
One of these for MC's so, they don't have to scream
I couldn't wait to take the mic, flow into it to test
Then let my melody play and then the record suggest

That I'm droppin' bombs but I stay peace and calm
Any MC that disagree with me, wave your arm
And I'll break, when I'm through breakin', I'll leave you broke
Drop the mic, when I'm finished and watch it smoke

So stand back, you wanna rap? All of that can wait
I won't push, I won't beat around the bush
I wanna break upon those who are not supposed to
You might try but you can't get close to

Because I'm number one, competition is none
I'm measured with the heat, that's made by sun
Whether playin' ball or bobbin' in the hall
I just writin' my name in graffiti, on the wall

You shouldn't have told me, you said you control me
So now a contest is what you owe me
Pull out your money, pull out your cut
Pull up a chair

My name is Rakim Allah and R & A stands for RA
Switch it around, but still comes out R
So easily will I, E M C E E
My repetition of words is 'Check out my melody'

Some bass and treble is moist, scratchin' and cuttin' a voice
And when it's mine, that's when the rhyme is always choice
I wouldn't have came, to set my name around the same weak shit
Puttin' blurs and slurs and words that don't fit

In a rhyme, why waste time on the microphone
I take this more serious than just a poem

Rockin' party to party, backyard to yard
Now tear it up, y'all and bless the mic for the Gods

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The rhyme is rugged, at the same time sharp
I can swing off anything, even a string of a harp
Just turn it on and start rockin', mind no introduction
'Til I finish droppin' science, no interruption

When I approach, I exercise like a coach
Usin' a melody and add numerous notes
With the mic and the R A K I M
It's a task, like a match I will strike again

Rhymes are poetically kept and alphabetically stepped
Put in order to pursue with the momentum, except
I say one rhyme and I order a longer rhyme shorter
A pause but don't stop the tape recorder

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I'm not a regular competitor, first rhyme editor
Melody arranger, poet, etcetera
Extra events, the grand finale like bonus
I am the man they call the Microphonist

With wisdom which means wise words bein' spoken
Too many at one time, watch the mic start smokin'
I came to express the rap I manifest
Stand in my way and I'll be the one words protest

MC's that wanna be dissed, they're gonna
Be dissed if they don't get from, in fronta
All they can go get is me, a glass of Moet
A hard time, sip your juice and watch a smooth poet

I take seven MC's, put 'em in a line
And add seven more brothas, who think they can rhyme
Well, it'll take seven more before I go for mine
And that's twenty-one MC's, ate up at the same time

Easy does it, do it easy, that's what I'm doin'
No fessin', no messin' around, no chewin'
No robbin', no buyin', bitin', why bother
This slob'll stop tryin', fightin' to follow

My unusual style will confuse you a while
If I was water, I flow in the Nile
So many rhymes you won't have time to go for your's
Just because of a 'cause I have to pause

Right after tonight is when I prepare
To catch another sucka, duck MC out there
'Cause my strategy has to be tragedy, catastrophe
And after this you'll call me your majesty, my melody

Check out my melody
Yes, my melody
Check out my melody
Eric B
Check out my melody

Marley Marl, synthesized it, I memorize it
Eric B made a cut and advertised it
My melody's created for MC's in the place
Who try to listen 'cause I'm dissin' face

Take off your necklace, you try to detect my pace?
Now you're buggin' over off my Rhyme like bass
The melody that I'm stylin', smooth as a violin
Rough enough to break New York from Long Island

My wisdom is swift, no matter if
My momentum is slow, MC's still stand stiff
I'm genuine like leather, don't try to be clever
MC's you'll beat the R, I'll say, "Oh never"

So Eric B, cut it easily
And check out my melody

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