Deep End

Swollen Members

What begins with an 'a' and ends with asphyxia? Me, Prev One, the microphone cripple A life on the edge of the walking dead You either talk in black or you speak in red I can't help you if you don't have the language down It's either sink or swim and the average drown Some of us stay afloat and respect the wave With your mouth full of sand, burnt by sunrays Five Ways to Sunday, A Fistfull of Dollars A barrel full of commerce, blasting the somber We always stand guard over the late shift The cause and effect of the light and the mist In the world of mixtapes and other sick breaks, I spit like my life depends on what I make

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Hand to hand combat, gone far beyond that Armed to the teeth, this is a bomb threat Graveyard shift, way past abnoxious We play to win, you count your losses An awesome roster, original designed rhymes find time To make the shiver up your spine climb This ain't theatrics, we rock with tactics Smash on you plastic actresses for practice The fact is I'm violent by nature, don't hate ya Like most people about as much as they like me Haven't found a way to say "fuck you" politely These days I stick to myself, but sometimes get sick of myself Got my own circle, love my people, bleed for my people Need no replacement, Mad Child's life unfolds with bold statements

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I'm not a vampire but I'm walking on a fine line over fire-type rope, barefoot on barbed wire

I'm not a werewolf but I force my fangs into the townfolk Drain a little cowpoke until the city's bloodsoaked

I'm not a goblin, a hobbit, a ghost or ghoul Swollen Members ain't fuckin' with most you fools I'm not a phantom, a banshee, a witch, or an ogre But my crew's got the best chance of taking over

Yo, I don't transform and I don't change shape Don't take the bus, don't shoplift tapes But I used to, and if you choose to, Here's something to pop inside your walkman and cruise to

I'mma pay dues and blues, that's the truth If there's one thing I've learned from life, there's much to lose I know, that's why we never duplicate shows You're just an imitation, you can die like white buffalo

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