

# The Beast

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Dave, this a monster

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Knowledge is the founder of everything in existence  
If you not droppin' knowledge about us it's 'cause you ig'nant  
A top-notch scholar wit honors, I'm so gifted  
Live is the most vicious, honest and prolific  
I drop diabolical brollic wit no gimmick  
Astonish the flow critics, rhyme wit the most lyrics  
I paint pictures, jot it and dot it but won't print it  
My ? is photogenic, I am the most vivid  
Man, I got a brain the size of the most biggest  
Wide as them cold rivers, wise as them old niggaz  
Tired of this, though, half of you rhyme it but don't live it  
Watch it and go spit it, stop it, I know Physics  
Breakin' yo physical, demolishin' yo spirit  
The struggle got me thinkin' demonic and so wicked  
Man, I'm so deep I'm bottomless, yo, kill it  
Wise wit the flow, rhyme about Hymen, it's so senseless

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Live New York rap, stay away from the pork crap  
Actin' like you all that, get smacked if you talk back  
Spiritual like Rakim on ice, like Kane with the females  
Slick Rick and Biggie Smalls attention to detail  
Political like PE, I'm spittin' fire like Ice Cube  
Kweli a nice dude 'til you start fuckin' with my food  
Rap 'll set the right mood, fin' to blow like a light fuse  
You might lose, ya chance of winnin' slimmer than a size two  
Plus, the shit you kick so wack niggaz ready to fight you  
Fuck rap, you better off wit spoken word kickin' Haiku  
Or rhymes got teeth that'll bite you, make it clearer than white booze  
You ain't special, there's a million rappers like you

Far from clumsy, but I drop lines and spill bars  
Smoke more trees and be around more Black chicks than Bill Maher  
Peel a card off the deck, this that real hard Hip-Hop shit  
Niggaz feel y'all, it's real, y'all

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The Beast is out when the police is out  
They be pullin' out and really showin' you what peace/piece about  
Upholdin' the law that's designed to keep my people down  
Bourgeois niggaz walkin' around like everything is equal now  
I'm peepin' how from the beat cop to the Interstate trooper  
To the Feds who put a price on the side of head of Cuba, B  
Protectin' the property value over the people life  
To take action against a foul government is the people right  
But not too many ready to fight  
It's like you'd rather be at home watchin' a flick or a fight  
Or maybe Nick-At-Nite  
It's sick how I'm addicted to mics, become a flickerin' light  
After I spark I'm always ready to write  
Where I'm from, they be watchin' us, but we be watchin' them  
And bust shots 'til the coppers bring the choppers in  
The squad cars try to box me in  
But I got knowledge of self and it's stronger than any cage you can lock me  
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A lot of different Beasts or demons roamin' the planet  
And they surface at any given time  
You never know when they can surface and come right up out of you  
No matter how righteous you think you are  
Situation could go down when you forced  
To let The Beast out