## Somalia

## <u>K'naan</u>

Advisory - the following lyrics contain explicit language:

Uh, yeah, SomaliaYeah, I spit it for my block, it's an ode, I admit it Here the city code is lock and load, any minute is rock 'n' roll And you rock 'n' roll and feel your soul leavin' It's just the wrong dance that'll leave you not breathin'I'm not particularly proud of this predicament but I'm born and bred in this tenement, I'm sentimental, what? Plus it's only right to represent my hood and what not? So I'm about to do it in the music, in the moviesCut to the chase pan across to the face, I'm right there Freeze frame on the street name, oops, wait a minute This is where the streets have no name and the drain of sewage You can see it in this boy how the hate is brewin"Cause when his tummy tucks in, fuck, the pain is fluid So what difference does it make entertaining, threw it Some get high mixing coke and gun powder, sniffin' She got a gun but could have been a model or physicianSo what you know 'bout the pirates terrorize the ocean To never know a simple day without a big commotion It can't be healthy just to live with a such steep emotion And when I try and sleep, I see coffins closin'So what you know 'bout the pirates terrorize the ocean To never know a simple day without a big commotion It can't be healthy just to live with a such steep emotion And when I try and sleep, I see coffins closin'Yeah, yeah, we used to take barbed wire Mold them around discarded bike tires Roll 'em down the hill on foot blazin' Now that was our version of mountain bike racing, damnDo you see why it's amazing When someone comes out of such a dire situation And learns the English language Just to share his observation? Probably get a Grammy without a grammar education So fuck you school and fuck you immigration And all of you who thought I wouldn't amount to constipation And now I'm here without the slightest fear and reservationThey love me in the slums and in the native reservations The world is a ghetto with ministering deprivation My mommy didn't raise no fool, did she?I promise, I would get it and remain strictly loyal 'Cause when they get it then they let it all switch and spoil

But I just illuminated it like kitchen foilA lot of main stream niggas is yappin' about yappin' A lot of underground niggas is rappin' about rappin' I just wanna tell you what's really crackalackan Before the tears came down this is what happenedSo what you know 'bout the pirates terrorize the ocean To never know a simple day without a big commotion It can't be healthy just to live with a such steep emotion And when I try and sleep, I see coffins closin'So what you know 'bout the pirates terrorize the ocean To never know a simple day without a big commotion It can't be healthy just to live with a such steep emotion It can't be healthy just to live with a such steep emotion And when I try and sleep, I see coffins closin'So what you know 'bout the pirates terrorize the ocean And when I try and sleep, I see coffins closin'So what you know 'bout the pirates terrorize the ocean And when I try and sleep, I see coffins closin'So what you know 'bout the pirates terrorize the ocean And when I try and sleep, I see coffins closin'Yeah, Somalia

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