Lucky Me

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How can you fairly assess something from the outside looking in? There's gotta be them times you'll be wrong, nah mean? How can a motherfucker go round and hate a nigga He never even met that he don't even know and shit? I think this rap shit is all beef Y'all dont even know every day I'm livin' with stress Got up out the streets you think a nigga could rest Can't even enjoy myself at a party unless I'm on the dance floor, hot ass vest You think I'm freakin' these chicks, right? I'll try not to brush against they chest You get a lawsuit for shit like that, I feel trapped Swear to everything when I leave this earth It's gon' be on both feet, never knees in the dirt You could try me fucker but when I squeeze it hurts, fine We'll lose two lives, yours and mines Gimme any amount of time don't let Ms. Carter grieve At the funeral parlor drippin' tears on my sleeve Told the judge didn't budge it was him or me And I ain't trying to be hard but I'm guilty as charged Put my mercy on this court and my faith in God And pray hard none of my nephews wanna be stars Lucky me You only know what you see

You don't understand what it takes to be me
I hate all girls with ulterior motives
That's why I'm twenty plus years old, no sons no daughters
Hate putting my life in the hands of fake promoters
Hear the hate in my voice, right? I hate that you noticed
Niggas wanna strip to the bone for shit you own
Hate a nigga, like that fagot, get your own
Hate that I can't roam the street without the clip and chrome
Knowing one day Im'a have to flip, c'mon
You know the shit don't stop 'til the Crist don't pop
And you have to kill a nigga and your wrist don't lock
I'm trapped the whole worlds against me in fact
It ain't no turning back, bring it on
Hate the price of fame 'cause it cost too much
Can I live without y'all niggas saying I floss too much?

Hate the way you make this hate flow all through us Steady looking for flaws through us Lucky me

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(And now that I've arrived)

(I see those truths unfold before my eyes in this world so cold)

Nigga see you in the street, pretend to be friendly

But I know any type of success breeds envy

I know in the back of your mind your conjuring ways to hen me

Leave my friends in a circle pouring out Henny

For Jesus is Heaven bound so how I'm gon' receive

Anything y'all pour to the ground next time throw it up

And ain't nothing changed so even in my afterlife, I show it up

Dont grieve for me my art remains

like a dart from the speaker to your heart

Spiritually through the portal now my words as a mortal

Plan to leave without a fight I plant a seed I give life

Though I can't see past the girls greed to call her wife

Next time your thinking heist better be precise

'Cause I'm fully prepared, one of us is gon' leave here

I have no regrets even though I wanna see grow

My godsons Boogie, Sonny and Rimo

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