Rock N Roll

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(Huh) my grandmomma was raised on a reservation

(Huh) my great-grandmama was, from a plantation

They sang, songs for inspiration

They sang, songs for relaxation

They sang, songs, to take their minds up off that

Fucked up situation

I am, yes I am, the descendant (yes yes)

Of those folks whose, backs got broke

Who, fell down inside the gun smoke

(black people!) chains on their ankles and feet

I am descendants, of the builders of your street

(Black people!) tenders to your cotton money

I am hip-hop

"It's heavy metal for the black people"

I am rock and roll (rock and roll, rock'n'roll)

Been here forever

They just ain't let you know (ha!) I said, elvis presley ain't got no soul (huh)

Chuck berry is rock and roll (damn right)

You may dig on the rolling stones

But they ain't come up with that style on they own (uh-uh)

Elvis presley ain't got no soul (hell naw)

Little richard is rock and roll (damn right)

You may dig on the rolling stones

But they ain't come up with that shit on they own (nah-ah)Guess that's just the way shit goes

You steal my clothes and try to say they yours (yes they do)

Cause it's a show filled with pimps and hoes

Trying to take everything that you made or control (there they go)

Elvis presley ain't got no soul

Bo diddley is rock and roll (damn right)

You may dig on the rolling stones

But they ain't the first place the credit belongsSay whoa-oh (don't take it)

Oh-we-oh (black music)

Whoa-oh (don't take it)

Oh-we-oh (black music)

Whoa-oh (jimi hendrix say)

Oh-we-oh (black music)

Whoa-oh (albert king and)

Oh-we-oh (and motown)I ain't trying to diss

But I don't be trying to fuck with limp bizkit ("the fuck is on your mind?")

When I get down in my zone

I be rockin bad brains and fishbone

I ain't tryin to slow your groove

But that ain't the way I'm trying to move

I don't turn on korn to get it on;

I be playing jimi hendrix 'til the dawn

That's my word is bond

Sitting up on my front lawn

Got the volume turned to ten

Playing albert king the best again (black)

When the morning in the cooker

Got to turn on some john lee hooker

When I want some rock and roll

Go to otis redding to get some soulSay, james brown got plenty of soul

James brown like to rock and roll

He can do all the shit fo' sho'

That elvis presley could never know (black people)

Said, kenny g ain't got no soul

John coltrane is rock and roll (uh-huh)

You may dig on the rolling stones

But they could never ever rock like nina simoneSay whoa-oh (don't take it)

Oh-wee-oh (black music)

Whoa-oh (don't take it)

Oh-we-oh (black music)

Whoa-oh (don't take it)

Oh-we-oh (black music)

Whoa-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-ohWho am I, huh!

Get your punk ass upElvis presley ain't got no soul

Jimi hendrix is rock and roll

You may dig on the rolling stones

But everything they did they stole

Elvis presley ain't got no soul

Bo diddley is rock and roll

You may dig on the rolling stones

But we send their punk ass homeWho am I? (rock and roll)Say, rock and roll!

Who am I? rock and roll!Get your punk ass up

Company, move

For harlem, fort greene, compton

East st. louis, detroit (bo bo)

Chicago (bo bo) bed-stuy (bo bo)

Flatbush (bo bo) brownsville (bo bo)

East new york (bo bo) newark new jersey (bo bo)

Illadelphia cincinatti atlanta the dirty south

All towns get your punk ass up!

"Rock and roll for the black people"

Hi ma

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