Dirty Game

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Life, pain

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So don't sleep, 'cause the scariest nigga'll pull the trigga Put 2 in 300 pounds, so that makes you a killa Oh really, could you be that silly To think you gon' take over a block where I be [Incomprehensible] Nigga forget it, don't make me have to blow yo brains In this fucked up world, this fucked up life, this fucked up game It's so hard to survive in this world of pain I feel like I'm goin' crazy so I'ma shell my brain My niggaz out here droppin' off over rocks and thangs Mama never told me life was such a dirty game It's so hard to survive in this world of pain I feel like I'm goin' crazy so I'ma shell my brain My niggaz out here droppin' off over rocks and thangs Mama never told me life was such a dirty game Hey nug, for some reason at night I can't sleep When I lay down, I keep tossin' and turnin' There's somethin' wrong But I don't know what's wrong with me Eyes burnin' 'Cause sometimes I burst into tears When ain't nobody home with me Stress from thoughts of survival just rushed my dome quickly Y'all better come on get me 'Cause I bout to do somethin' so muthafuckin' drastic Instead of writin' essays like grabbin' SK's With one of the best ways that I know to feed my family 'Cause y'all ain't foolin' me Y'all people plannin' a way for my people to read my eulogy I see what y'all bogus ass doin', y'all plannin' on hurtin' me Used to be crucifyin' or burnin' me, now you eliminatin' paper currency Terrorizin' with technology And that Y2K shit, I don't know why you play with the chosen guys The wool ain't no longer pulled over my eyes Gots to get some scratch and I gotta get it soon We about to be doomed Do somethin' for the kids before I go to my tomb Gotta bust this thang and maybe then thangs gon' change Tryin' to check mine, 'cause all of it on y'all I can't blame Maintain, it's a strange game At times you gotta throw blows for the gold It's a long road, some of us do shit despite losin' our soul Got cold flows but it's strange I still can't get no change 'Bout to be insane Tryin' to pay the bills but still straight causin' pain

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