

Raising the Skate

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[Verse 1]

Heaven, have mercy on the hypnic jerk you blame for your speech

Walk around the block again

Wait 'til I feel cool and straight

With a diaristic bent on undertaking[Pre-Chorus]

Careful, steady

Are we steady?

Cruel and ready[Chorus]

I'm not bossy, I'm the boss

Shooter, not the shot

On the tip and fit to execute

I'm chief, not the overthrown

Captain, not a crony

So if you wanna row, you better have an awfully big boat[Verse 2]

Holding a package from a total stranger who claims to know me

Naw, you never knew me, man, not even a fraction

You just glimpsed your own reflection in a gold sheen[Chorus]

I'm not bossy, I'm the boss

Shooter, not the shot

Well-composed with keys to raise the skate

I'm chief, not the overthrown

Captain, not a crony

So if you wanna throw, you better have an awfully big stone[Bridge]

We could hang out for the summer while you wait for your girl

Dip a toe 'til it's soaked and freezing

But just because I let you kill time dangling me from the quarry

Doesn't mean that I won't land on my feet[Chorus]

That's cause I'm the boss

Caller of the shots

Sutanejo, never spit to me

Chief, play my own right hand

Not haggish, but the hag

How naïve to trample

She who's running from the stampede

I'm raising the skate

Look, I'm raising the skate

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