Penny for a Thought

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Cancel the apocalypse
Cartons of the Milky Way with pictures of a missing planet
Last seen in pursuit of an American dream
This fool actually thinks he can drive his hummer on the moon
Blasting DMX off the soundtrack of a south park cartoonNiggas used to buy their families out of slavery
Now we buy chains and links, smokes and drinks
They're paying me to record this, even more if you hear it
Somebody tell me what you think I should do with the money
Yes, friend tell me what you think I should do with the moneyExactly how much is it gonna cost to free mumia?
What's he gonna do with his freedom? Talk on the radio?
Radio programming is just that, a brainwashin' gleamed of purpose
To be honest, some freedom of speech makes me nervous
And you looking for another martyr in the form of a man
Hair like a mane with an outstretched handIn a roar of hearts, thoughts, reactionary defensiveness and counter
Intelligence What exactly is innocence?
Fuck it, I do believe in the existence of police brutality
Who do I make checks payable to?A young child stares at a glowing screen transfixed by tales of violence
His teenage father tells him that that's life, not that Barney shit
A purple dinosaur that speaks of love, a black man that speaks of blood
Which one is keeping it real, son? Who manufactured your steel, son?Hardcore, ancient elements at the earth's
core
Fuck it, I'mma keep speaking 'til my throats sore
An emcee told a crowd of hundreds to put their hands in the air
An armed robber stepped to a bank
And told everyone to put their hands in the air
A Christian minister gives his benediction
While the congregation hold their hands in the air
Love the image of the happy Buddha with his hands in the airHands up and feel confused, define tomorrow
Your belief system ain't louder than my car system
Nigga walked down my block with his rotwiler
A sub woofer on a leash each one teach oneThe DJ spins a new philosophy into a barren mind, I can't front on it
My head nods as if to clear the last image from an etch-a-sketch
Something like Rakim said, I could quote any emcee, but why should I?
How would it benefit me? Karmic repercussionsAre your tales of reality worth their sonic laced discussions?
Suddenly, the ground shivers and quakes, a newborn startles and wakes
Her mother rushes to her bed side to hold her to her breastMilk of sustenance heals and nourishes
From the depths of creation life still flourishes
Yet we focus on death and destruction, violence, corruption
My people, let Pharaoh goWhat have you bought into? How much will it cost to buy you out?

What have you bought into? How much will it cost to buy you out?
What have you bought into? How much will it cost to buy you out?How much it gonna cost to buy you out of my mind?
Penny for a thought, y'all niggas is half steppin' wastin' my time
Please, nigga what? You talkin' to me?
Please baby, baby, baby can I borrow
Can I borrow a nickel, a dime, and that quarterPenny for a thought, penny for a thought
How much will it cost to buy you out of buyin' into a reality that
Originally bought you? Dime a dozen, y'all niggas a dime a dozen
Penny for a thought, nigga, c'mon, penny for a thought
Think fast, think fast, c'mon, time is moneyTime is money, money is time
So I keep 7 o'clock in the bank and gain interest in the hour of God
I'm saving to buy my freedom, God, grant me wings, I'm too fly not to fly
I soared further past humans without wings so I soar
And fine tickling the feathers of my wings
Flying hysterically, over land numerically
I am seven mountains higher than the valley of deathSeven mountains higher than the valley of death
Seven dimensions deeper than dimensions of breath
Seven mountains higher than the valley of death
Seven dimensions deeper than dimensions of breathWe're performing an exorcism on all this keep it real-ism
Violence, sensationalism
In the name of the hip hop that nurtured me, cultured me
We are ordering all evil entities to exit this body, leave this bodyIn the name of microphone fiends and a young boy's b-boy dreams
We draw you to leave this body, leave this body
All evil entities, all wannabe emcees
Decoys, decoys, send in the true b-boysThe true b-boys be men, motherfuckers
Be men in the name of Scott la rock, in the name of T-la rock
Motherfuckers don't remember how to do the Reeboks
Walk, hop, I told you to leave this body, leave this body, leave this body
I told you to leave this body, leave this bodyMotherfuckers must think I'm crazy
Shit, I think y'all motherfuckers is crazy
I want my fuckin' MTV
Penny for a thought, nigga, penny for a thought
What the fuck have you bought into?

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