

# Then Till Now

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See it was Hip Hop that dam near changed my life  
From meeting ozone in L.A in 85'  
From my attempts to try and step on stage and rhyme  
To my beyond 2005' state of mind  
From a copy of a culture, ta teaching a tradition  
From electric buguloo, to the beat that keeps my rhythm  
From, wonderin' the tracks, ta the mic that's in my hand  
From, wantin' to be black, to lovin who I am  
From not known where your from, to the image of Sydney  
From no one knowin' hip-hop, to kids thinkin' their 50  
From the dramas on film, to the dramas of life  
From posh clothes, to not knowin' they were half of the price  
And from thinking to be king, you gotta have wealth  
Ta the inner revolution i call knowledge itself  
So from back "then till now" I still rap for the pleasure  
Bein' rich or poor man, I'm still happy as ever You gotta understand me  
(You gotta understand me)  
I gotta understand you  
(I gotta understand you)  
so we can stand together recognize the vision,  
its one love, one life, sets aside our differences  
You gotta understand me  
(You gotta understand me)  
I got to understand you,  
cause that's what gets me by, in my life From a part of the Bronx, to the heart of the burbs  
From a dyslexic, to a artist of words  
From a wild child, to my parents trynna steady me  
From taken my parking cue, to givin' me heave "D"  
From mimicking thugs, thinking the lyrics with dope  
To getting no satisfaction cause it was mirrors of smoke  
From a home of hip-hop, to a land owned by rock  
From rhyming to my mirror, to thousands blowin' the spot  
But through all of the cheers, and the boo and the beers  
Was just a kid on the bus, headphones glued to his hears  
Who just grew through the years, to sewer the tears  
The blood and sweat makes somethin' with his crew and his peers  
See it was hip-hop that put three lost souls on a map  
From showin us the country, to puttin clothes on our back  
And from finding myself, in my mic's reflection

To this musical marriage that gave my life direction  
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I got to understand you,  
Cause that's what gets me by, in my life  
From a major label deal, to bustin' on the street  
Knowing souls were for sale, when I'm fuckin' with these beats  
The landlord of these lyrics, with a touch of what can be  
And if it doesn't ground, You could trust it wasn't me  
The deepest of minds, can't frame what I've imagined  
Three eyes on the train, writin' rhymes on a napkin  
See these kids don't have bentley's, they sit and take the bus  
But if ya playin' this tape, ya situation's sussed  
From backstage butterfly's to a passion of a debut  
From not haven a path, to push past and a way through  
From this rhyming release, to stress I've got off my chest  
From chasing a dream, to holding the hart of the press  
From shoe store days, to writing sessions at night  
To a culture that ultimately taught me lessons in life  
So from back "then till now" I still rap for the pleasure  
Bein' rich or poor man I'm still happy as ever  
And we won't stop until we get that feeling  
That's why we get on up that's why we got on up  
Oh we won't stop until we get that feeling  
That's why we get on up (Hang on, hang on, hang on)  
You gotta understand me  
(You gotta understand me)  
I gotta understand you  
(I gotta understand you)  
So we can stand together recognize the vision  
Its one love, one life, sets aside our differences  
You gotta understand me  
(You gotta understand me)  
I got to understand you  
Cause that's what gets me by, in my life

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