## **Black Republican**

## Nas

I know you can feel the magic baby Turn the mother\*\*\*\* lights down Esco whuttup? I mean, it's what you expected ain't it? Let's go Turn the music up and the headphones Yeah, that's perfect You got to take your time make a \*\*\*\* wait on this mother\*\*\* You make \*\*\*\* mad and \*\*\*\* like \*\*\*\* usually start rappin' after 4-bars \*\*\*\* go in Let's start dancin' in this mother\*\*\* Yeah, we just come outta nowhere I feel like a Black Republican, money I got comin' in Can't turn my back on the hood, I got love for them Can't clean my act up for good, too much thug in 'em Probably end up back of the hood, I'm like '\*\*\* it then' Huddlin' over the oven, we was like brothers then Though you was nothin' other than a son of my mother's friend We had governin', who would of thought the love would end Like ice cold album, all good things Neva thought we sing the same song that all hood sang Thought it was all wood-grain, all good brain You wouldn't bicker like the other fools talk good game Neva imagine all the disasters that one could reign Could bring, should blame the game, and I could It's kill or be killed, how could I refrain? And foreva be in debt, that's neva a good thing To the pressure for success can put a good strain On a friend you call best and yes it could bring Out the worst in every person, even the good an' sane Though we rehearsed, it just ain't the same When you put in the game at age sixteen Then you mix things like cars, jewelry and miss things Jealousy, ego and pride, and this brings It all to a head like a coin, cha-ching The route evil strikes again, this could sting

Now the team got beef between the Post and the Point

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