

# We Will Survive

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Still somehow I believe, we always survive, but why? To my dogs wherever you are  
Whattup Big? You know shit is rough after you slid  
You in God's hands now, keep a place for me kid  
Ain't nuttin' changed still, party and bullshit  
We used to fuck R&B bitches and see who rhyme sickest

For every hit you made, more rappers afraid to come out Machine Gun Funk from Queens I came through to  
smoke blunts  
You came to my hood, we was broke  
I wonder if we stayed that way, would there have been gunsmoke?  
Still on the block around fiends numb from coke, I guess so  
'Cause now with paper, shit is still ghetto

But fuck it black, you livin' your life, though your loved ones Peace to your daughter and your newborn son  
It used to be fun, makin' records to see your response  
But, now competition is none, now that you're gone  
And these niggaz is wrong, usin' your name in vain  
And they claim to be New York's king? It ain't about that  
It's more serious, I plan to toast it up with you Joke with you, happy we on top, the most official  
Ain't too many real ones out there, I feel some  
But doubt they're capable to take it where you took it to  
I missed your wake not 'cause I'm fake  
'Cause I hate to see somebody so great in that way

I woulda stayed so long with so much to say I had to put it in writin' to keep me and Brooklyn from fightin'  
Tellin' me to pay my respects and move to the side  
But I probably wouldn't have got off my knees to let people by  
You can't kill nothin' that's ready to die

You was like God to us in the form of Allah Still somehow I believe, we always survive, but why? Still, we will  
survive  
No matter what, my people just stay alive  
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No matter what, my people just stay alive Thug life never die  
Dear 'Pac, every thug sheds a tear drop and use teeth  
To bite off beer tops and pour out a lil' liquor  
You was more than just the wildest nigga  
2Pacalypse, I understand your style nigga

It's goin' on the third year, since you've been gone On the East and West Coast the same shit is goin' on  
The industry be talkin', offendin' me often  
They don't believe you dead, wanna see you in your coffin  
I can relate, shootouts and court dates  
All eyez on you, niggaz in your face invadin' your space

You asked if I could trade in your place, how would I hold up? How long would I ride, before I fold up?  
How did you know through your rhymes it was your time to go?  
You predicted it in every line, all in your flow  
There could never be peace, I have to quote  
Can't believe I heard my name on the realest shit you ever wrote

We had words 'cause the best supposed to clash at the top But kept it brotherly when we seen each other and stopped  
In NYC, at MTV, people watched  
We was both deep, after you left I got no sleep  
Think about how us real niggaz would be  
If we united, a nation of thugs, who could fight it?

You was caught in a wild homicide or were you crucified Like the son of God, when Lucifer lied  
And make the world think, young blacks should be extinct?  
But thug life'll never die, we stay high and just link  
Will there ever be another MC as nice?

Will you return to us like the resurrection of Christ? Still somehow I believe, we always survive.. but why? Still, we, will survive  
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No matter what, my people just stay alive I wonder what the Commodores went through on tour?  
Did Smokey Robinson, have to shoot his way out a war?  
What has Al Green seen that made him religious?  
Was it the drugs, put an end to the music business?  
If so, should I put out the indo right now and write down

A plan and pursue my dream turn my life around 'Cause I'm bound for the movie screen, cuties that scream  
I'll need a extra Uzi riding through my own hood in Queens  
It be the ones you always knew, that want it on  
Tellin' everybody it was him that you fronted on  
Thought we walked a million miles it was just twenty

Not used to walkin' in the path of legit money I thought I made it but we only took baby steps  
Up the success ladder, where they pay me checks  
To my clicks when I got it I said, "Baby bless"  
That was the 80's but now look at this crazy mess  
We in the 90's and finally it's lookin' good

Hip-hop took it to billions, I knew we would A lot of ups and downs in the game, could lose or gain  
A couple pounds tryin' to maintain, one day you here  
The next you not, when you around niggaz check 'em out  
Some is bout it, most individuals plots  
And run the spots, some choose to stay to theyselves

While others have no cares and stay in jail More than fifty percent of us  
Endin' up with holes through the chest  
Through the head, through the gut it shows  
The future for us young shooters and old killers  
Who become rich as dope dealers?

Nothing left for us but hoop dreams and hood tournaments Thug coaches with subs sittin' on the bench, either

that or rap

We want the fast way outta this trap

Whether it be 9 to 5 or slangin' crack

To my deceased Gods wishin' I could bring you back

But life is a dream and y'all taught me thatAlways survive, but why?Always survive, always

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