# Ego

## Macklemore

(Speaking) Intro:
Ladies and gentlemen
Second Thoughts on the beat
Big up to Lace Cadence
Good lookin' out for this one, man
Verse 1:
I love hip hop music
I just hate the ego
The politics that follow it
Getting caught in it can be lethal
See I love the community
'Cause a community will embrace you
But you turn it back the community is the people that will hate you
See everybody's striving for that same shit
To get paid and make it
And I'll be honest, I'm trying to become famous
When someone makes a move
Watch that person next to you
Cause I'll warn ya
I love Hova but jealousy's The Takeover
Here come the mean mugs
"I can't do what he does"
And where does that lead us?
To the ego that feeds us
I wish that I could just do what I do
But when a door opens for him I'm afraid there won't be enough room
Comparison's a mother fucker
Like MLK said,
"We all want that band leader syndrome and it won't stop"
This concept makes me wonder
Is it the commodity of the music or the ego that is killing hip hop?
Chorus:
It's the ego
That makes me not give respect in death
It's the ego
That makes me talk shit behind people's back
You know that it's the ego
That's constantly polluting my consciousness
So ingrained in my brain that I can barely even acknowledge it

It's the ego
That makes the present moment jet lagged

I said it's the ego
That has me trippin about the next man
You know that it's the ego
That makes me not go to the front
Of the show 'cause the performers have exactly what I want
Verse 2:
I'm so cool
F'real?
No dude, I'm serious spit it different and if you just flow too
I'll listen lookin for glitches and rip 'em to shove improve
That my rhythm's a little bit more intricate, just to boost
My ego
Is so evil
Threatened by so many different kinds of people
It seems that if you're goin' through somethin' and life is feelin' uncomfortable
The immediate place you go is to your ego to comfort you
When Boom Bap got signed
I hated on him
When Grayskul got signed
I hated on him
And that's hard to admit
But since I'm really bein' honest
I wanted to be one of the first to make it as a Northwest rap artist
Instead of takin it as a plus for my region
I took it as a cut to my dreams of makin' it out of this political scene of Northwest haters
To be next I guess I'm just like them
Jealous of who's taking that step
(Chorus x1)
Outro:
Now everybody got one but people tryin' to front
Claimin that they on the humble but cocky
Now it comes up when we judge
Or are threatened by someone
But everyone still be like 'man that's not me'
Now let me break it down son
It's only a lack of love for ourselves
Cause we're submerged in 'I gotta be'
The best or number one
But it's just that we don't trust
In our heart and that's what stops me
It's the ego

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