

# N.I.-.-.E.R. (The Slave And The Master)

Nas

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We was scholars long before colleges.  
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We are the slave and the master,  
What you looking for?  
You the question and the answer. We trust no black leaders,  
Use the stove to heat us,  
Powder eggs and government cheeses,  
The calendar was Martin, JFK, & Jesus,  
Gotta be fresh  
Go to school with fly sneakers. Schools with outdated books,  
We are the forgotten,  
Summers coolin' off by the fire hydrant.  
Yeah I'm from the ghetto,  
Where old black women talk about they sugar level,  
It's not unusual, To see photos of dead homies' funerals,  
Aluminum foil on t.v. antennas  
Little TV sit on top the big TV eatin' TV dinners,  
Girls die they hair with kool-aid,  
They gave us lemons we made lemonade,  
But this nigga's paid, Ancestry of slaves,  
Descendant of Kings  
It's necessary I,  
Bling,  
Puts rings on every thing  
Where Timbs on every scene. They say we N I - Double G E R  
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 Nigger!  
 No!  
 I'm gangsta  
 Gotta eat rappers!  
 My abbreviation  
 Was young when I caught the cases,  
 That should mean the court could see my changes  
 Take off the bracelets,Savage when broke,  
 Smoke sour diesel  
 Need no Bo-flex  
 My chest still cut-up like a bag of dope,  
 Thought patterns consist of boss matters,  
 Spit Moses' "Lost Commandments"  
 Like a gross sandwich out my mouth.Toast to government cameras  
 Peepin' us every week  
 I must have my cars homes & phones  
 Squeaked for bugs,  
 But this is what I was dreamin' of,  
 Between cutting hard coke with new razors  
 Slicing my fingers up,They use to string us up,  
 We wanted everything,  
 But the one bringing us cake be the snakes  
 Like the...  
 Like the New Jack City wedding scene  
 No time for mistakes trying to get it like 'marajuin'They say we N I - Double G E R  
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 What up my nig?People afraid of criticism  
 But I always put myself in a sacrificial position!

They been know I ain't just rappin' for fame,  
I got my old homie hashin' the father asking for change!  
Yep! I'd give this cash up  
This paper don't matter They seen me from skinny to fatter  
When I rap about war,  
They got the tendency to scatter,  
They ain't my backup no more,  
So now my enemies are at my front door, 'Cause any time we mention  
Our condition, our history or existence,  
They calling it reverse racism,  
Still till today the street's torn,  
My brother Jungle always have a seat for 'em  
Not behind me - beside me You'll always know where to find me,  
They say the close ones will hurt you,  
So let's keep a small circle,  
On the road to riches, and diamond rings  
In the land of the blind  
The man with one eye is the king. They say we N I - Double G E R  
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