Public Service Announcement

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Fellow Americans, it is with the utmost pride and sincerity

That I present this recording, as a living testament and recollection

Of history in the makin' durin' our generationAllow me to re-introduce myself

My name is Hov', oh, H to the O V
I used to move snowflakes by the O Z
I guess even back then you can call me
C.E.O. of the ROC, Hov'

Fresh out the fryin' pan into the fire
I be the, music biz number one supplier
Flyer than a piece of paper bearin' my name

Got the hottest chick in the game wearin' my chainThat's right Hov', oh, not D.O.C.

But similar to them letters, "No one can do it better"

I check Cheddar like a food inspector

My homey strict told me, "Dude finish your breakfast"

So that's what I'ma do, take you back to the dude

With the Lexus, fast-forward the jewels and the necklace

Let me tell you dudes what I do to protect this

I shoot at you actors like movie directors

This ain't a movie dogNow before I finish, let me just say

I did not come here to show out Did not come here to impress you

Because to tell you the truth when I leave here I'm gone And I don't care what you think about me, but just remember When it hits the fan brother, whether it's next year, ten years

Twenty years from now, you're gonna be able to say
That these brothers lied to you JackVing ain't lie
I done came through the block in everything that's fly
I'm like, Che Guevara with bling on, I'm complex
I never claimed to have wings on

Nigga I get mine, by any means on whenever there's a drought
Get your umbrellas out because, that's when I brainstorm
You can blame Shawn, but I ain't invent the game
I just rolled the dice, tryin' to get some changeAnd I do it twice, ain't no sense in me

Lyin' as if, I am a different man
And I could blame my environment but
There ain't no reason why I be buyin' expensive chains
Hope you don't think, you'se as hardy

Only a fews-us niggaz, gettin' high within' the game
If you do then, how would you explain?
I'm ten years removed, still the vibe is in my veinsI got a hustler spirit, nigga period
Check out my hat yo, peep the way I wear it
Check out my swag' yo, I walk like a ballplayer
No matter where you go, you are what you are player
And you can try to change but that's just as hot player
Man, you was who you was 'fore you got here
Only God can judge me, so I'm gone
Either love me, or leave me alone

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