Nas Is Like

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Freedom or jail, clips inserted, a baby's bein' born Same time my man is murdered, the beginning and end

As far as rap go, it's only natural, I explain

My plateau and also, what defines my name

First it was nasty but times have changed

Ask me now, I'm the artist but hardcore, my science for painI spent time in the game, kept my mind on fame

Saw fiends shoot up and do lines of cocaine

Saw my close friends shot, flatline am I sane?

That depends, carry Mac-10's to practice my aim

On rooftops, tape CD covers to trees

Line the barrel up with your weak picture then squeezeStreet scriptures for lost souls in the crossroads

To the corner thugs hustlin' for cars that cost dough

To the big dogs livin' large, takin' it light

Pushin' big toys, gettin' nice, enjoyin' your life

Is what you make it, suicide, few try to take it

Belt tied around they neck in jail cells naked

Heaven and hell, rap legend, presence is felt

And of course N A S are the letters that spell Nas, NasNas is like life or death, I'm a rebel

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Nas is like half man half amazing

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No doubtNas is like earth, wind and fire, rims and tires

Bulletproof glass, inside is the realest driver

Planets in orbit, line 'em up with the stars

Tarot cards, you can see the pharaoh Nas

Nas is like Iron Mike, messiah type

Before the Christ, after the death

The last one left, let my cash invest in stock

Came a along way from blastin', techs on blocksWent from Seiko to Rolex, ownin' acres

From the projects with no chips, to large cake dough

Dimes, givin' fellatio, siete zeros

Bet my nine spit for the pesos

But what's it all worth, can't take it when you under this Earth

Rich men died and tried, but none of it workedThey just rob your grave, I'd rather be alive and paid

Before my number's called, history's made

Some'll fall but I rise, thug or die

Makin' choices, that determine my future under the sky

To rob steal or kill, I'm wondering why

It's a dirty game, is any man worthy of fame?

Much to success to ya, even if you wish me the opposite

Sooner or later we'll all see who the prophet is Nas is like life or death, I'm a rebel

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I'm like beef, bustin' heat through your windows

I'm like a street sweeper, green leaf griever

Like Greeks in Egypt, learnin' somethin' deep from they teachers

I'm like crime, like your nine, your man you would die for

Always got you, I'm like Pac, Dude you would cry for

I'm like a whole lot of loot, I'm like crisp money

Corporate accounts from a rich companyI'm like ecstasy for ladies, I'm like all races

Combined in one man; like the '99 summer jam

Bulletproof Hummer man

I'm like being locked down around new faces and none of 'em fam'

I'm the feelin' of a millionaire spendin' a hundred grand

I'm a poor man's dream, a thug poet

Live it and I write down and I watch it blow up

Y'all know what I'm like, y'all play it your system every night nowNas is like life or death, I'm a rebel

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