## 1987

## **Seeing Suge**

Acid-wash Guess with the leather patches
Sportin' the white Diadoras with the hoodie that matches
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With the skyline on it, with the box link chain

I'm wearing my frames, they match my gear with their tint

And you know Lagerfields is the scentNow, my nigga Rafael just got his jeep out the shop

Mint green sidekick, custom-made rag top

'Strictly Business' is the album that we play

'You're A Customer', the pick of the dayNow there's a nigga on the block, never seen him before

Selling incense and oil, my man thinks that he's the law

But why on earth would this be on their agenda?

As he slowly approaches the window"Uh, uh, I've seen you before, I've been you and more

I was the one bearing the pitcher of water

I rent the large upper room, furnished with tidings of your doom

Or pleasure, whichever feathers decrease"Yo Ralph, is he talking to me?

"No I'm talking to the sea son's resurrected

I'm the solstice of the day

I bring news from the blues of the Caspian"My man laughs, he's one them crazy motherfuckers

Turn the music back up 'cause I'm the E-Double

"Wait, but, but, but I know the volume of the sea

And sound waves as I willWill you allow me to be at your service?"

My man Ralph is nervous, he believes

That this strange tongue deceives

And maybe he's been informed that He's pushing gats hidden in the back, beneath the floor mats

Come on Jack, we don't have time for your bullshit or playin'

A'salaam a something' or another

"Wait isn't Juanita your mother?""I told you I know you, now grant me a moment"

At the gates of Atlantis we stand

Ours is the blood that flowed from the palms of his hands

On the plow till earth till I'm nowMoon cycles revisited, womb fruit of the sun

Full moon of occasions wave the wolves where they run

And we run towards the light casting love on the winds

As is the science of the aroma of sleeping womenLost in his eyes they soon reflect my friend's are grinning

But I'm a pupil of his sight, the wheels are spinning

Yo, I'll see ya'll later on tonightIn the beginning her tears where the long awaited rains

Of a parched Somali village

Red dusted children danced shadows

In the newfound mound of mascara that eclipsed her faceReflected in the smogged glass of Carlos, east street bodega

Learning to love, she had forgotten to cry

Seldom hearing the distant thunder in her lovers ambivalent sighs

He was not honest, she was not sureA great grandmother had sacrificed

The family's clarity for God in the late 1800's

Nonetheless she had allowed him to mispronounce her name

Which had eventually led to her misinterpreting her own dreamsAnd later doubting them but the night was

young

She the firstborn daughter of water faced darkness and smiled

Took mystery as her lover and raised light as her childMan, that shit was wild, you should have seen how they

ran

She woke up in a alley with a gun in her hand

Tupac in lotus form minutes, blood on his hands

She woke up on a vessel, the land behind her The sun within her, water beneath her

Mushed corn for dinner or was it breakfast

Her stomach turned as if a compass

She prayed the east and lay there breathless They threw her overboard for dead

She swam silently and fled into the blue sea

La soh fa mi, re do, si

The seventh octave, I don't mean to confuse youMany of us have been taught to sing

And so we practice scales

Many of us were born singing

And thus were born with scalesMermaids, cooks and field hands

Sang a nightsong by the forest

And the ocean was the chorus

In Atlantis where they sangThose thrown overboard had overheard

The mystery of the undertow

And understood that down below

There would be no more chains They surrendered breath and name

And survived countless as rain

I'm the weather man

The clouds say storm is coming A white buffalo was born, already running

And if you listen very close, you'll hear a humming

Beneath the surface of our purpose lies

Rumors of ancient man, dressed in cloud face minstrels in the skyThe moon's my mammy, the storm holds my

eye

Dressed in westerlies

Robed by robes ol' man river knows my name

And the reason you were born is the reason that I cameThen she looks me in the face

And her eyes get weak

Pulse rate descends, hearts rate increase

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It's like "beam me up, Scottie", I control your bodyI'm as deadly as AIDS when it's time to rock a party

We all rocked fades, fresh faded in ladidadi

And when we rock the mic, we rock the mic

And when we rock the mic, we rock the mic and when we rock the mic, we rock the mic

But let's look feminine side, ignore the feminine side

Let's the feminine side, ignore the feminine side

Let's the feminine side, ignore the feminine side

I presented my feminine side with flowers

She cut the stems and placed them gently down my throat

And these tu-lips might soon eclipse your brightest hopes

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