

Imagine

The Manhattan Strings

Imagine if I showed you 1 day, I was leavin' da hood
Wud you call me a sell out, wud you say it's all good?
Wud you follow if you cud? Or wud you just tell me, get da hell out?
And imagine if I showed you dat I'd found another way
Of gettin' dough wiv out doin' dirt
Let's blurt, wud you love me 4 givin' you sum hope?
Or resent me 'coz your pride got hurt?
Imagine if we never grew up on a council estate
An' was country manor raised, wiv a spoon in our mouth
Wud we still be makin' fuss about da East an da South?
Wud we shiver at da robbery's, murder an' da crack?
An thank God dat we didn't have 2 live like dat
Just an image on da TV as were comfortably sat
Sippin' wine room lit by da summer sunshine
Not a worry in da world as we cash will E chat?
Oblivious 2 how we wud be livin' on da flip side
No experience, not a clue about a ruff ride
No harassment, no boy dem on our back side
Dat'd b amazin' still
But I no you wonder, wud it make you any less real?
Wat's da current spot your standin' in, offerin'
If you had a better offer, wud you go 4 da kill?
Snap out of your day dream, how do you feel?
Does it all seem worthwhile 4 ya?
Try an put it in perspective
Retrospective of your profile an' your honor
Do you wanna hang about or are you a goner?
Come along fink fast, decision time
You've been livin' in da grime, don't you wanna climb?
Da ladder of life, da wall of enlightenment
Or are you lookin' 4 da hype an excitement
'Coz dere's so much drama in da LDN,
It's kinda hard tryin' 2 find legal money 2 spend
Generation, genocide look possible
Da rate at which we drew up 4 da sken
An pretend, dat we don't no who da real enemy is
Who shud we hold responsible, instead we offend
A couple square meters of pavement in da endz
Wat wud we achieve, my friends?

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