## **Friends**

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These later days in Babylon As I watch your children grow And the years them carry on And I miss you even more Still I send them go to school And tell them What dem fi know All of mi friend dem mi salute Daddi gon and Lenny Screw Another year has come and past Man a drop like morning dew Uncle Warrick sick and gone When him couldn't catch a flew Picka T you a mi don Respect long and overdue When nothing never did a gwan You still have on somethin' new Our friendship ever last All when one minus from few Yes we surely had a blast We're like family Me and you A nuh every path you cross Lead to somebody whe true Of the many that are called Only chosen is a few Of the real friends that serve you long Your memories might fade Your real friends will serve you long Sunshine or rain

Acquaintances will fade
Your real friends wont do you wrongReal friend don't changeOnly talking with winners

Your real friends will serve you long

A loser or two
Got my number
Still they think they real
But they just really awfully bitter
Salty niggaz Hate the smarter ones
These are the doubters
Who's our 'bout my run

I barely made it out the slums

My value high Cause I do more than

Rap about a gun

I made money for niggaz

Ya'll never looking out for none

I helped millionaires get to that very position

Some real millionaires see that's ill

Cause look at statistics

Real millionaires

And I ain't talking ghetto riches

Thorough business

You mistreating niggaz

Heard your folks bleed in prison

You ain't a G

And if you was

I don't recall

Who would roll with ya'll

Bunch a fucking know it alls

Who's dough is small

Look what's it come to

Our rapport's good no more

We was good before

Till I saw what type a dude you took me for

We had a chance to take paper down

What I took was more

Because of hatred

Opportunity wastedYour real friends will serve you longYour car and clothes will fade

Your real friend wont do you wrong

Real friend don't change EhYour real friend won't run in war

Nuh care what the cost is

You real friends are in for all the wins and the losses

Fi Real!

No question at all

Them ready fi rise the tallest

Take to the enemies

All for one

And one for all this

Real friend will hear you out

No secret feelings

Real friends won't sell you out

No bargain pleading

For real!

Always looking out

A meal!When outside a drought

Your real!

Friend won't hide you out NoYour real friends will serve you long

When all else fails

Your real friend wont do you wrong

Real friend don't changeMay laughter

From backstabbers

Turn to tears faster

I wish for you

No snake shall slither past ya

You have to

Keep your vision clear

Cause only a coward lives in fear

My surroundings

Got only real powerful niggaz here

Real men we have a code of ethics

No question

No jealousies

No feminine tendencies

We expecting

No gossip

No phony logic

No counting your homey pocket

Spare no expense for legal defense

If your homey locked up

No keeping tabs

On who was the last who looked out

Selfishness

That's a character flawNo holding out

Yo what happened to the honor?

You're dealing with

Sensitive Pre-Madonna drama

Teflon love

For my dudes who solidYour real friends will serve you longYour memories might fade

Your real friends will serve you long

Sunshine or rain, eh

Your real friends will serve you long, woe ya woe

When all else fails

Your real friends wont do you wrong

Real friend don't changeNow plentiful

Or scantily

My cup be full

Or emptily

With arm in arms

We'll all trod on

Through destinyA friend that's true

Is there for me Respect is due They care for me Should I be down Or even out They're next to me HeyYour real friends will serve you long Your memories might fade Your real friends will serve you long Sunshine or rain, hey Your real friends will serve you long, woe ya woe When all else fails Real friends won't do you wrong Real friend don't change Real friend don't change Real friend don't change Real friend don't change

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