

# Stakes Is High (remix)

## De La Soul

The instamatic focal point bringing damage to your boroughs  
Be some brothers from the east with some beats that be thorough  
Got the solar gravitation so I'm bound to pull it  
I gets down like brothers are found ducking from bullets  
Gun control means using both hands in my land  
Where it's all about the cautious livin'? Migrating to a higher form  
Of consequence, compliments of strugglin', that shouldn't be notable  
Man, every word I say should be a hip hop quotable  
I'm sick of bitch's shakin' asses, I'm sick of talkin' about  
blunts  
Sick of Versace glasses, sick of slang, sick of half-ass awards shows  
Sick of name brand clothes, sick of R&B bitches over bullshit tracks  
Cocaine and crack which brings sickness to blacks  
Sick of swoll' head rappers with their sicker than raps  
Clappers and gats, makin' the whole sick world collapse  
The facts are gettin' sick even sicker perhaps  
Stickabush to make a bundle to escape this synapse  
Man life can get all up in your ass baby you betta work it out  
Let me tell you what it's all about a skin not considered equal  
A meteor has more right than my people, who be wastin' time?  
Screaming who they've hated, that's why the  
native tongues  
Have officially been reinstated  
Vibes, vibrations, stakes is high, higher than high  
You know them stakes is high, higher than high  
When we talkin' 'bout the vibes, vibrations  
Stakes is high, you know them stakes is high  
When we dealin' with the vibes, vibrations  
Stakes is high, hey yo, what about that love?  
Yo, it's about love for cars, love for funds, loving to love mad sex  
Loving to love guns, love for opposite, love for fame and wealth  
Love for the fact of no longer loving yourself, kid, we living in them  
Days of the man made ways where every aspect is vivid  
These brothers no longer talk shit, hey yo, these niggas  
live it  
'Bout to give it to you 24/7 on the microphone plug one translating  
The zone, no offense to a player, but yo, I don't play  
And if you take offense, fuck it, got to be that way  
JD Dove, show your love, what you got to say?  
I say G's are making figures at a high regard  
And niggas dying for it  
Nowadays ain't odd, investing in fantasies  
And not God, welcome to reality, see times is hard  
People try to snatch the credit, but can't claim the card  
Showing out in videos, saying they cold stars  
See, shit like that will make your mama cry  
Better watch the way you spend it, 'cause the stakes is high  
Y'all know them stakes is high  
When we talkin' 'bout the vibes, vibrations  
Stakes is high  
I think that smiling in public is against the law  
'Cause love don't get you through life no more  
It's who you know and how you, son and how you gettin' in

And who the man holding, hey yo, and how was the scams  
And how high? Yo what up? I heard you caught a body Seem like every man and woman shared a life with John  
Gotti  
But they ain't organized, mixing crimes with life enzymes  
Taking the big scout route and niggas know doubt better  
Than they know their daughters and their sons, oh boy Yo, people go through pain and still don't gain positive  
contact  
Just like my main man, who got others cleaning up  
His physical influence, his mind got congested  
He got the nine and blew it, neighborhoods are now hoods 'Cause nobody's neighbors, just animals surviving  
With that animal behavior, under I, who be rhyming  
From dark to light sky, experiments when needles and skin connect  
No wonder where we live is called the projects When them stakes is high you damn sure try to do anything to get  
The piece of the pie electrify, even die for the cash but at last I be out Even though you wantin' more, this issue  
is closed like an elevator door But soon reopened once we get to the next floor where the Vibes, vibrations,  
stakes is high, y'all know them stakes is high  
When we talkin' 'bout the vibes, vibrations  
Stakes is high, stakes is high, come on

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