Shut 'Em Down (Live in the UK) [Bonus Track]

Public Enemy

I testified

My mama cried

Black people died

When the other man liedSee the TV listen to me double trouble

I overhaul and I'm comin'

From the lower level

I'm takin' tabsSho nuff stuff to grab

Like shirts it hurts

With a neck to wreck

Took a poll 'cause our soulTook a toll

From the education

Of a TV station

But look aroundHear go the sound of the wreckin' ball

Boom and Pound

When I

Shut 'em downOne two three four five

Six seven eight nine

What I use in the battle for the mind

I hit it hard

Like it supposedPullin' no blows to the nose

Like uncle L said I'm rippin' up shows

Then what it is

Only 5 percent of the bizI'm addin' woes

That's how da way it goes

Then you think I rank never drank, point blank

I own loansSuckers got me runnin' from the bank

Civil liberty I can't see to pay a fee

I never saw a way to pay a sap

To read the lawThen become a victim of a lawyer

Don't know ya, never saw ya

Tape cued

Gettin' me suedPlayin' games wit' my head

What the judge said put me in the red

Got me thinkin' 'bout a trigger to the lead

No noMy education mind say

Suckers gonna pay

Anyway

There gonna be a day'Cause the troop they roll in

To posse up

Whole from the ground
Ready to goThrow another round
Sick of the ride
It's suicide

For the other side of townWhen I find a way to shut 'em down

Who count the money

In da neighborhood

But we spendin' moneyTo no end lookin' for a friend

In a war to the core

Rippin' up the poor in da stores

Till they get a brotherKickin' down doors

Then I figure I kick it bigger

Look 'em dead in the eye

And they winceDefense is pressurized

They don't want it to be

Another racial attack

In disguise so give some money backI like Nike but wait a minute

The neighborhood supports so put some

Money in it

Corporations oweDey gotta give up the dough

To da town

Or else

We gotta shut 'em down

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