

# Nas Is Like

## Nas

Freedom or jail, clips inserted, a baby's bein' born  
Same time my man is murdered, the beginning and end  
As far as rap go, it's only natural, I explain  
My plateau and also, what defines my name  
First it was nasty but times have changed  
Ask me now, I'm the artist but hardcore, my science for pain  
I spent time in the game, kept my mind on fame  
Saw fiends shoot up and do lines of cocaine  
Saw my close friends shot, flatline am I sane?  
That depends, carry Mac-10's to practice my aim  
On rooftops, tape CD covers to trees  
Line the barrel up with your weak picture then squeeze  
Street scriptures for lost souls in the crossroads  
To the corner thugs hustlin' for cars that cost dough  
To the big dogs livin' large, takin' it light  
Pushin' big toys, gettin' nice, enjoyin' your life  
Is what you make it, suicide, few try to take it  
Belt tied around they neck in jail cells naked  
Heaven and hell, rap legend, presence is felt  
And of course N A S are the letters that spell Nas, Nas  
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My poetry's deep, I never fell  
Nas is like half man half amazing  
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Nas is like earth, wind and fire, rims and tires  
Bulletproof glass, inside is the realest driver  
Planets in orbit, line 'em up with the stars  
Tarot cards, you can see the pharaoh Nas  
Nas is like Iron Mike, messiah type  
Before the Christ, after the death  
The last one left, let my cash invest in stock  
Came a along way from blastin', techs on blocks  
Went from Seiko to Rolex, ownin' acres  
From the projects with no chips, to large cake dough  
Dimes, givin' fellatio, siete zeros

Bet my nine spit for the pesos  
But what's it all worth, can't take it when you under this Earth  
Rich men died and tried, but none of it worked  
They just rob your grave, I'd rather be alive and paid  
Before my number's called, history's made  
Some'll fall but I rise, thug or die  
Makin' choices, that determine my future under the sky  
To rob steal or kill, I'm wondering why  
It's a dirty game, is any man worthy of fame?  
Much to success to ya, even if you wish me the opposite  
Sooner or later we'll all see who the prophet is  
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Nas is like sex to a nympho but nothin' sweet  
I'm like beef, bustin' heat through your windows  
I'm like a street sweeper, green leaf griever  
Like Greeks in Egypt, learnin' somethin' deep from they teachers  
I'm like crime, like your nine, your man you would die for  
Always got you, I'm like Pac, Dude you would cry for  
I'm like a whole lot of loot, I'm like crisp money  
Corporate accounts from a rich company  
I'm like ecstasy for ladies, I'm like all races  
Combined in one man; like the '99 summer jam  
Bulletproof Hummer man  
I'm like being locked down around new faces and none of 'em fam'  
I'm the feelin' of a millionaire spendin' a hundred grand  
I'm a poor man's dream, a thug poet  
Live it and I write down and I watch it blow up  
Y'all know what I'm like, y'all play it your system every night now  
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