

Tha Payroll (Stay Strong)

Spearhead

Grandma this one's for you (stay strong)(He's strong!)

Mama Mama Mama Mama I couldn't say 'No'

(So strong!)

Got sick and tired of seein' brothers being treated ill

(He's strong!)

They say to chill, they say my homey's not available

(Stay strong!)

I hear Mama they got him working on tha Payroll

(She's strong!)

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(So strong!)

Got sick and tired of seein' sistas being treated ill

(She's strong!)

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I hear Mama they got her working on tha Payroll At twenty one the brother 'Smooth' he got a record deal

Been working hard been writin' songs about the things he feels

He says it's real, 'cause I got bills, but I got skills

My deck is stacked, if I could only get my shit on wax

When it was ripe he took his tape up to the rec execs

They smoked cigars and rolled their eye's at him behind their specs

Your shit is phat but I don't hear it in the format Jack

What's all this black crap check page twenty one of your contract(He's strong!)

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She was college edjamacated but got fired up at the law office

I'm all alone two kids at home, I need a job just any job
So I can get back on my feet like Tina 'T'(urner)
The boss came up to her said, 'why don't you come home with me'
I'd like to see you take off your clothes for me
She said 'No way man!'
He said 'You don't understand'
'You lose your life, you lose your job if you don't do this shift!'(He's strong!)
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I hear Mama they got her working on tha Payroll I met a black man who became a police officer
Officer, officer, officer, officer, overseer
He tried to tell me it was the only job available
Either rob or join the mob 'cause I'm not salable
One night he went out on an undercover sting-ing
Bought some smack tried to break the heroin ring-ring
Two cops white cops saw juggling goin' down
They spilled his brain like homey the fuckin' clown
(He's gone!)
Mama Mama Mama I couldn't say no
Got sick and tired of seein' people bein' treated ill
Picked up my nines, walked up from behind
Tapped two of them on the neck so I could meet their eyes direct
Pom! Pom
I didn't do it for tha payroll(He's strong!)
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