## I Do It For Hip Hop

## Ludacris

I do it for hip hop I do it for hip hop Yeah, I do it for hip hop Now this is what they call poetry in motion My soul bleeds on the paper, heart screams with emotion This my daily devotion that verses stay deeper than the ocean So hip hop you owe me a promotion Yeah, I do a little boastin' and braggin' What's all the commotion and naggin' about 'Cause I'm still the champ in the south 'Cause rappers get in the booth and I keep draggin' them out Where they fired and these pink slips I keep handin' them out 'Cause this is Theater of the Mind, consider it a sign Of what's to come next, my money's just fine Bank filled with dump cheques Terrorist threat flow, proceed to drop bombs like Mr Funk Flex But I don't do it for the money, I do it from the heart I'll do it with the beatbox, I did it from the start I'll do it for the DJs, I'll do it for the charts The Van Gogh flow, Luda do it 'cause it's art I do it for the fans, I do it on command I do it for the front row, I do it for the stands I spit it for the hood, I do it for the block And since nine years old, I did it for hip hop I don't do it for the cars and the fancy drops I do it for hip hop I do it for hip hop I do it for hip hop And I don't do it for the chains and the flashin' rocks I do it for hip hop I do it for hip hop I do it for hip hop They say I'm so low key, I'm socially awkward Only niggas who really know me, who I talk with They smile in the light, hate in the dark You call it beef, to me it's just a fuckin' walk in the park Because you are who you are when nobody is lookin' That's who you are, so when the cash and cars is gone The day after tomorrow don't be askin' to borrow

Ski maskin' it hard like the way you rap in your bars I could ride on you and whoever, devise new endeavors I'm as live as hive full of predators Twenty thousands different species of bees Some half poisonous sting, some just pollinatin' leafs It's just like rap, some will buzz some will attack Compromisin' own life in fact Sixteen years since my first sixteen, pardon the rest of my niggas But I'm the best whoever did it I don't do it for the cars and the fancy drops I do it for hip hop Yeah, I do it for hip hop

I do it for hip hop And I don't do it for the chains and the flashin' rocks Why we do it kid? I do it for hip hop Yeah, I do it for hip hop I do it for hip hop Hip hop started out in the park We used to do it to avoid the Narcs I used to do it so the homeboy Clark can get the fuck off my back While I knocked off these packs I used to rap to impress my friends The past of time when I was gettin' it in Just so happens I'm so illegal with the pen They ain't want me to do anythin' illegal again I lost a lot of dawgs to these streets I got Grammy awards on these beats Thank God for Cool Herc Without this shit I probably would've got murked Shout out to Grandmaster Flash and the cash and even Jaz bum ass Hip hop helped me wash my rocks These other rappers couldn't wash my socks That's why I took the number one slot The realest shit in rap comes from my voice box Lord knows when I was on my clock I probably never would've stopped Thank God for hip hop I don't do it for the cars and the fancy drops I do it for hip hop I do it for hip hop I do it for hip hop And I don't do it for the chains and the flashin' rocks Come on, I do it for hip hop

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