When The Music Stops

Eminem

Music, reality

Sometimes it's hard to tell the difference

But we, as entertainers, have a responsibility

To these kids, psycheIf I were to die murdered in cold blood tomorrow

Would you feel sorrow or show love

Or would it matter? Could never be the lead-off batter

If there ain't shit for me to feed off, I'm seesaw battlin'But there's way too much at stake for me to be fake

There's too much on my plate, I done came way

Too far in this game to turn and walk away

And not say what I got to sayWhat the fuck you take me for, a joke? You smokin' crack?

'Fore I do that, I'd beg Mariah to take me back

I'll get up 'fore I get down, run myself in the ground

'Fore I put some wack shit outI'm tryin' to smack this one out the park, five thousand mark

Y'all steady, tryin' to drown a shark

Ain't gon' do nothin' but piss me off, lid to the can of whip ass

Just twist me off, see me leap out, pull a piece outFuck shootin' I'm just tryin to knock his teeth out

Fuck with me now, bitch, let's see you freestyle

Talk is cheap, motherfucker, if you really feelin' froggish, leap

Yo slim, you gon' let him get away with that? He tried to play you, you can't let him skate with that

Man, I hate this crap

This ain't rap, this is crazy the way we act

When we confuse hip-hop with real life, when the music stopsAin't no gettin' rid of McVeigh, if so you woulda

tried

The only way I'm leavin' this bitch, is suicide

I have died clinically, arrived back at my enemies' crib

With Hennessey, got drunk then I finish youI'm every nigga's favorite arch enemy

Physically fitted to be the most dangerous nigga with beef

I spark willingly, with a Dillinger in the dark diligently

I'm not what you thinkI appear to be fucked up, mentally endangered

I can't stay away from a razor, I just want my face in a paper

I wish a nigga had a grenade to squeeze tight

To awake neighbors for acresI'd murder you, I'd gauge and have me turn into a mad man

Son of Sam bitch, I'm surgical

I'm allergic to dyin', you think not?

You got balls? We can see how large, when the music stops I was happy havin' a deal at first

Thought money would make me happy but it only made my pain worse

It hurts when you see your friends turn their back on you, dog

And you ain't got nuttin' left but your word and your ballsAnd you're stressed from the calls of your new friends

Beggin' with their hands out, checkin' for your record when it's sellin'

When it ain't, that's the end, no laughs, no friends

No girls, just the gin you drink, 'til your car spin you thinkDamn, when you slam into the wall

And you fall out the car and try to crawl with one arm

I'm 'bout to lose it all in a pool of alcohol

If my funeral's tomorrow wonder would they even call? When the music stopsLet's see, how many of your men

When I pull up lookin' for you with a pistol, sippin' a can of Pennzoil

I'm revved up, who said what, when lead bust

Your head just explode with red stuff, I'm handcuffedTossed in the paddy wagon, braggin' about how you

Like a coward, bullets devoured you, showered you niggas

If I was you niggas, I'd run while given a chance

Understand, I can enhance the spirit of manDeath itself, it can hurt me

Just the thought of dyin' alone that really irks me

You ain't worthy to speak thoughts of cheap talk

Be smart and stop tryin' to walk how G's walk before we sparkHug the floor while we playin' tug of war with your life

Fuck a tour and a mike, I'd rather fuck a whore with a knife

Deliver that shit that coroner's like

You hype poppin' shit in broad daylight, nigga, you're a goner at night when the music stopsInstigators, turn pits in cages

Let loose and bit the neighbors, wrist to razors

Y'all don't want war, y'all want talk

In the dark my dogs all bark like woofProof nigga I'ma wolf, get your whole roof

Caved in like reindeer hoofs

Stomp the booth, shake the floor tiles loose

The more y'all breathe shit the more I movesIt's Hill Street, this is hardcore blues

Put a gun to rap, check in all our dues, nigga

Or make the news, betcha all y'all move

When the Uzi pop you better drop, when the music stopMusic has changed my life in so many ways

Brain's confused, been fucked since the fifth grade

L.L. told me to, "Rock the Bells"

NWA said, "Fuck the Police," now I'm in jailNinety three was strictly R and B

Fucked up haircut, listened to Jodeci

Michael Jackson, who gon' tell me I ain't Mike?

Ass cheeks painted white, fuckin' Priscilla tonightFlyin' down Sunset smokin' crack

Transvestite in the front, Eddie Murphy in the back

M.O.P. had me grimy and gritty

Marilyn Manson, I dyed my hair blue and grew some tittiesLudacris told me to throw them bows

Now I'm in the hospital with a broken nose and a fractured elbow

Voices in my head, I'm goin' in shock

I'm reachin' for the glock but the music stops

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