2Pac "Cradle To The Grave"

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From the cradle to the grave
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June 16, 1971, mama gave birth To a hell raisin' heavenly son See the doctor tried to smack me But I smacked him back

My first words were
"Thug for life" and "Papa pass the Mac"
I'm bustin' on these mothafuckas ballin'
Listen you can hear my mini 14 callin'

From out the window of my drop top I got my glock cocked Bustin' at niggas when will it stop? Now tell me are you scared of the dark?

Can't close my eyes I see visions
And even with this thug livin', will I escape prison?
Penitentiary chances was an all day thang
The only way to advance and if you slang

Better have your Nikes on 'cause when we fight
It's in the middle of the night with no lights on
Hey, there must be a God 'cause I feel lucky
Paranoid out my mind, this mothafucka's tryin' to rush
me

Am I goin' to jail? Look at me bailin'
Commin' out the court house all about my mail and
bank
Never die, be a hustler mothafuckas and makin' thugs
out you suckas
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From the cradle to the grave, since a little bitty child

I've been known to get ill and kinda buck wild Pop, pop, just like the part that's in my walk with street talk

Go runnin' up the block in the dark with less spark

Surveillance on a nigga every day Waitin' on my daddy just to take his ass away Now Mama always workin', tryin' to make ends meet So now a young niggas bein' raised by the streets

And then the only other one that ever showed me love Was my dope fiend uncle strung out on drugs A straight thug, just me, my mama out here on our own So I got two gatts, one black and one of chrome

Now I don't wanna hurt nobody but I must defend mine It's all the fuck I got, so stop and walk a thin line Young niggas be brave and keep on thuggin' From the cradle to the grave, from the cradle to the grave

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From the cradle to the grave, I'm glad to say
I made it this far, many G's died hard
They know that got was their name here up on a wall
It's sad thinkin' about the times

Life goes on, I'm steady lost in this land As the war zone I got no home Don't have no friends neither It's just me by my lonely so I married my Nina

I keeps her wherever I go, I love my ho
Never leave home with out my sugar
I'm hafta plug a nigga
Mama told me not to trust no punks
And kick his ass if he lay a hand on me
Since then I been known
Sometimes I think my own self stupid
'Cause I stay shootin' at marks
Get twisted up in police reports

Since the cradle, I've been ungrateful My first toy was a gun I got sprung and learn to love weapons

But now I'm through with money And through with street fame Somebody peeled my cap And put me in my grave

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March 18th, that rainy day, my mama gave birth To a baby boy, trapped in hell on earth From day one it wasn't fun I never had a crumb Daddy worked two jobs and Mama won't stop drinkin' rum

I tried to cope loc but my family's broke And my pocket's short so now I gotta sling dope In a game filled with pain, it's a fuckin' shame The white man got a mothafucka slingin' cane

So now it's on from dusk to dawn I get my serve on Always in the spot with my glock slingin' rocks at the rocks

The shit don't stop I'm steady dodgin' cops I never flip flop, hear my glock cock thug till I drop

And if I hit the pen I gotta do my time Sittin' on my bunk reminiscing about the good times It's fucked up a nigga gotta grow up doing dirt But from the cradle to the grave I'ma put in work

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Time's movin' fast, will I last another day?
So I pray and I lay with my A-K
Did I sell my soul as a young kid?
All the things I did wishin' someone held me
But they never did

I can't take it, will I make it to my older age? Before I'm shot up or locked up in a fuckin' cage Lord, help me, guide me, save me 'Cause that's the way that Daddy raised me crazy

Do or die, nigga, pull the trigger don't give a fuck You'd rather be in jail than get your ass bucked Nobody cares, it's me against the world Keepin' murder on my mind and my Tech-9

I got nothin' to lose, payin' dues, nigga you wanna die?

I get high then my mission is a walk-by You'd better jet when I hit your set 'cause I'm commin' Start runnin', yellin', "Evil mind", as I'm gunnin'

One in the chamber for the anger that I build inside For the mothers that cried, for my homies that died The beginning is an ending, am I just a slave So I got to be brave from the cradle to the grave

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