

Akbar "Take It There"

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[VERSE 1]

I used to live Uptown, 2-1-9th Street White Plains, everything was concrete On my block up on the hill Barnes Ave., yo, everything was chill Till night fall, that's when they come out (The freaks y'all) Watch the kid with the gun out Now many people tell me New York City is horrific It is kinda... scary, but let's be realistic This is the part that started this music When other people out there in the world couldn't do it Party people had to wait to see The DJ's go forth and back We used to rock off these breakbeats Way before they called it rap Matter of fact, now that I think back Hip-hop was the start of somethin big The way we took this art straight from the parks To where you live

[CHORUS]

Now this story had to be told
About how we came in from the cold
Played my hand and refused to fold
We made somethin new out of what was old
And what we make no man can break
So I took my time cause it was mine to take
Now low and behold, I heard my tape just sold
1'000'001, son, now I'm draped in gold
I took it there

[VERSE 2]

Now years ago when I was 9
Pops said, "It's time to rise and shine"
He said, "New York City ain't the place to stay"
We packed the ride and left and headed for L.A.
Took us west straight through the country
See, California is the place to see

So daddy put us inside his Cadillac
We hit the West coast, I thought we'd never come back
Now I'm walking green grass, 3 years went past
Palm trees, ocean breeze, where the summers last
You see ah, that's the life that I lead
It taught me home is just a place where you lay your
head
Now get packed, we're makin tracks and stretch across

And there's nothin in this world could ever hold us back
And I still hold my body in a b-boy stance

And rock on the mic to make the world wanna dance
It's fly for the clubs, hardcore for the thugs
When Ak is on the mic it's definitely all love

[CHORUS]

[VERSE 3]

'82 was the year

We touched down in Chi-town, I see it all so clear Motel hell, livin life so poor

Six of us in the studio, we slept on the floor Vice Lords swingin swords, G.D.'s bust they gats Latin Kings on the corner with the baseball bats But life this way could only get you so far When I hopped the train I rode on the last car And all I did was puff cheeba, it took my thoughts deeper

Dropped out of school, found a job so I could keep a Roof over my head, shoes on my feet Many nights I didn't eat, I learned to hustle in these streets

They say it's all about money sellin crack to these junkies

But now I got somethin that they can't take from me I'ma push my tape just like it's cocaine
Let these rap fiends shoot me up in they vein
They play my jam out in the park
Gimme ghetto gold, keep your Billboard chart
When I walk through the [Name] I get love and respect
Keep one ear to the ground, greet my fam with a pound
Feels good comin out y'all, book my first world tour
LP's in the store, I spit it if you want it raw

(*scratching of*)

(You better recognize who you're talking to)
(Crushing the competition that I stomp from east to
west)--> Prince Poetry
(Who you're talking to)
(Crushing the competition that I stomp from east to

west)
(Let's get it on, ock)--> The RZA
(Crushing the competition that I stomp from east to
west)
(Now watch the spot get blown)--> The RZA

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