

## Akon "Stay Down"

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[Flashy Verse 1]

How many blacks gotta die by the hands of another

Don't you understand that man's the same color so that man is your brother

That's what happens when that man is from the gutter

And that man is a hustler trying to survive, moving grams of that butter

See, his momma was a dope fiend, poppa was a rolling stone

he never knew what family was he grew up in a broken home

Ever since twelve years old he was known as grown

'cause ever since twelve years old he was on his own

And even though it seemed like school was the best plan

his only choice was distributing the rock like Def-jam

While everybody else was getting diplomas

he graduated from the middle of the strip to the corner

But I don't knock him cause he tryin to bubble

there's no food on the table, the rents past due and that's why he hustles

and I ain't sayin that its right to be dealin

All I'm sayin is I feel him I guess

I just see eye 2 eye wit his struggle you know

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[Flashy Verse 2]

Now baby girl's got a promising future  
But her moms passed away while she was younger and  
her father's a loser  
He'd always abused her but what else you expect from  
a coward  
He wasn't even proud when she got accepted to  
Howard  
And even though she loves college everyday it would  
stress her  
but it wasn't cause of exams or she hate her professor  
it was her financial situation here she couldn't pay a  
semester  
And the only means of making it better was totally  
reversing the role

lap dancing working that pole even though deep down  
its hurting her soul  
And even if it meant taking off her clothes  
she was down for what ever to help her accomplish her  
personal goals  
And I ain't trippin off a-how shortie livin  
She gotta pay her tuiton put food in the kitchen and  
that's why she strippin  
and I ain't sayin I agree with her job but shit times is  
hard  
I guess I just see eye to eye with her vision you know

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[Flashy Verse 3]

Now see the moral of the story is this  
if you ain't tryin to help stop our troubles then don't  
knock our hustle  
cause really at the end of the day its not ya'll struggle  
but you always got something to say  
well hear this fuck you

Yeah that's right I'm talking to you come try to sleep in  
our beds  
eat off our plates, take a walk in our shoes  
look at the world from our view try to live by our rules  
drink the same water we do, put your kids in our  
schools  
I guarantee you won't maintain your health you'll  
probably try to end it all  
and hang yourself or bang yourself  
You couldn't possibly understand all pain we felt  
and without folding your hands play the games we  
dealt  
I'm being real I ain't tryin to be evil  
Look how we live, look how ya'll live  
c'mon be serious how is we equal  
Matter fact I feel I'm wasting my time  
I'm finished writing this rhyme  
Ya'll never gonna see eye to eye with my people you  
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2X)

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