

Brother Ali "Self Taught"

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I'm home

Uh, yeah

They always ask me, ' Ali, what you so angry for man?

Why you always so upset? '

I tell 'em ' Shit, theres a thin line between anger and
hunger my man

And I ride a unicycle down the middle, you might catch
me touchin feet down on both sides '

Ever since day number one, it's just me and where I'm
coming from

Rites of Passage and Shadows on the Sun

My people, I stand before you, As a man with more true
shit

Than what he knows to do with

I give it all to you, long as you can promise me this

When its time, you will ball up a fist (Like this)

Me and Anthony, we fill all the gaps

And are proud of what we make, regardless what
happens

Fuck rappin, I sing off key

One thing you should never do is dis Ali

Cause, motherfucker, there aint nothin rougher

Then tryin to climb from the rug you'll get swept under

I can run through every one of your blunders

Mistake number one is that your crew don't love ya

Ill take a bullet for the Core or the Sayers

When me and my dogs out tourin the nation

I spit with an intensity you have to witness

Look close, my blood on the back of the tickets

Its that religious, its what I teach my son

How to read the Qur'an and how a party is won

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When line meets mine, we bend ya girls spine
Figure-eight status, she got back for days
The same old magic will not crack the maze
The lights changed since we anted up, pot has been
raised
And Im fucking with the hand I was delt
Life twenty-five years to experience what Lazurus felt
If you drop three crumbs, Ill eat one
Feed one to the family, rest I get invested in my
freedom
I battle through *a part in this shit*
With a wrist, full of broken tooth picks, *tryin to carve
out a niche*
You can either choose the heart or the fist, but you will
connect with me

If your path ever intersect with me
The fire in the eye could never be held back, (its the
same)
Pressure that made the liberty bell crack, (its the same)
Pressure that made my brother E sell crack, (in the
name)
Qu'ran, holy, Rest in Peace
My back is bein watched by, the only one on high
We stride in the party, hoods up, crossed eyes
Broke as what, but dont give a fuck
Cause I feel I got the world by the nuts, Uhh!

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Homeboy understand, I aint mad at you
Theres just very few things in life I know how to do
And this is one of them right here

And whatever comes up comes out
We dont put our hands on ourmouths, I stand for what
I'm about
Unknown but I'm still a soldier
Can't let em go home till I win 'em over
My youth was training, its very clear
Every year, new city, new rules to play with (true shit)
New kid in school, didnt rule nothing
To this day I rap like Im trying to prove something

Little bit aggressive, when I spit a sentence
Till you get the message
You couldn't pay me to quit professin'
Rock sixty-one sold out shows, came home, and caught
a bus to the
sixty-second
Shirt sweated full of work ethic
Been in love with the shit since I first met it
Rhymesayers is the first to come, last to leave
Ain't no tricks up our sleeve, this is what we believe

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