

## Before Dark

### "Knock"

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[ VERSE 1 ]

Yo, this shit keeps weighin me down, beatin me up  
Like every day's governed by Murphy's Law  
It never drops, but inside I'm, tied up  
In stress knots and chains and bills that ain't paid  
I damn near work for Dun & Bradstreet  
Keep a bank card and a wallet for show, I hate empty  
spaces  
Fill 'em with MetroCards that's been already took me  
places  
Fun Passes, loose changes, gum wrappers, maybe  
numbers  
Battery covers to CD players, and that's it  
I got some plastic  
But can't even use it, the bad credit's so drastic  
Ask me bastard if I'm signed, I rhyme sick  
But niggas is quick to turn they back on spitters with  
clits  
Hit em with this, and ridiculous phrase flow that exit my  
lips  
Hey yo, I mean my face, though  
They still want chicks with tits and ass out  
My respect is worth more than your advance cash-out  
I'm fuckin you right in the ear  
If these chicks did it you'd be catchin gonorrhea  
The only thing I spread is tinnitus  
Just tryin to keep this shit right  
And for all of y'all askin when my joint droppin  
Watch me this year

It's like.

[ CHORUS ]

Hustles don't get knocked, except the ones that  
Fuck with my business and dough, you can forget that  
I told you once it's not gangsta, it's just right  
Don't get it fucked, I don't like to spit my shit twice  
Keep your fake thuggin, afraid to get in fist fights  
Glittery knuckles never made me shiver, buckle never  
Knocka, this how I get down

I'ma have to do that again, so y'all can hear it

[ CHORUS ]

That's what I said, yeah yeah

Yeah

Yeah

[ VERSE 2 ]

It's crazy how I'm still catchin with no major distribution  
Slice through like guillotines, I'm precise with a  
execution

The definition of artist, past the hype and the business  
So I paint the track like a canvas in post-impressionist  
style

Time keeps gettin postponed like Emmy Awards  
My moms cataloguin my shit like she's Afeni Shakur  
Many of y'all ain't even worth a penny for thoughts  
So I ignore the rumors and the biters

More than y'all ignore the Unsigned Hype in The Source  
Peace to Steady Rock and Tyson [Name]

And a big fuck you to bitch Chris Lombardi at Matador  
And every A&R that turned me down

Props to kids who stayed loyal since "Baseball"  
dropped

And copped the underground, see, the barrel was facin  
me

Now I turn the gun around and it's got unlimited  
ammunition

I dare you to question, now they'll know I'm dressin  
So don't skip through the record

But if you're lookin for some shit to bump in the ride,  
you should check it

[ CHORUS ]

Alright, alright

One more time

One more time

[ CHORUS ]

What

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What

Get it?

Got it?

Good

Let's get on with it then

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