

E-40**"Friend Or Foe?"**

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[Anyway, it doesn't matter much how you feel,
you know what you got to do, I'm here to do it,
how about you?]

E-40:

Our age, five-years-old
we were young bucks
scrubbin' each others backs in the bathtub
Babysitter would send you to bed
but she would make me stay up
so she could give the young playa some viscious head
uh
early symptoms of
time of nightway
gigantic factor from the
Caukenis bitch tamer
some had it all though
but less unfortunate
you had an alloy spoke Mongoose
and I had a Huffy
You owned a green machine
three different lunch pails
I had a go-cart that I built from a bunch of used nails
We grew up in the church together nigga
sunday school
Now I heard you off into jackin nigga
that ain't even cool
I used to be conned, racked, fucked around,
and ripped bad
barking up on the wrong tree
talking about runnin up in my past

Niggas have hateful thoughts
but they stop me from strivin
suckas be shakin salt
all in his gameful so find
some fools be gettin crossed
victims of 40-ness
man all that drama you come with
I swear you on some shit
Whether it's morphine or cocaine

Doja or doggfood
they had these marks for Tre and Max
fuckin off my high breakin rules
you got ya P's mixed up
you ain't no pimp
you's a forty
I spit for major mix
while you make tapes for ya homie
and then you work up tha nerve
to speak fair words
The pimp, a traitor, we instigators
that's why I wrote this verse
for every youngster with his mind on his meal
Young playa just chill
and take a look at what these fakers call real
nigga

I trust no man,
'cause man will let you down every time
that's why I take it upon myself to thank god in every
rhyme
'cause I've seen better times
and I've seen worser days
when some of my so called friends
wasn't around when I ain't have a verse to say
I quench my thirst today
with righteous thoughts of mine
'cause righteous thought of mine will leave mark ass
niggas far behind
I seen it every time
they come and go
That's why I drop to my knees
and ask god to distinguish friend from foe
and what do you know
by the time morning comes I can see the light
and then I'm thanking god once again for making
everything all right
he made it tight and now I'm back up on the scene
countin' greens
straight from H-town to New Orleans
New human beings puttin it down like a mic or not
replace the slot open up shop

we 'bout to make it hot
Stop
with ya devilish doins
because ya devilish doins will only bring forth ya ruin

Friend or foe, you just will never know
Who can you trust, in a world that's oh so cold
playa hatin is everywhere I go

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Listen

I'm tryin to tell you my nigga to watch cha back
and trust few
Cause ain't no nigga gon watch ya back for you like you
When someone is broke and down and out without no
clout it's rough
At least you know who you can and who you cannot
trust
see let me explain myself and clear up the point I'm
tryin to make
don't want no bustas around me
playa hatin or actin fake
don't ever be wantin nobody to get to close
I don't know if it's effects of
from the marijuana that got me more than trippin
see nowadays tha nigga be rollin' thick with hella loot
but if my loot was gone would I be all alone?
See, my partners who used to ride with me
and smoke that dank, and fuck with hoes
would they be them same niggas if I didn't have shit to
roll?
Maybe they will, maybe they won't
who is to say what a nigga will do
who is to say if you help someone it's guaranteed that
they'll help you
see what I'm sayin, listen to me and see if you can dig
this
Smilin' faces replaces friends when people recieve
ends
Now all of a sudden I'm actin funny because my
moneys loaned
But there was no drama when I was livin' at my
momma's home
But I'm not tellin' a nigga nothin you don't already know
personal business, you got to watch who you friends is

I'm thinking about hard times
freeing my mind
who in the fuck goin be my crutch?
Holdin me up, helpin me out
makin sure that I stay in touch
Where do I sleep, who do I turn to?
When I be low on my cash
who am I down with when fifty niggas be talkin bout
kickin my ass?
Who is my friends who is my foes?
Who do I ask, when I want to know
somethin about somethin but I don't know nothin
my ignorance be keepin me out in the cold

Who do I call when I'm in need of a ride?
in somebody else's car
How do I get from point A to B if B is just too far?
Where can I get a loan, where can I use the phone?
Who's going to give me the permission to make a
decision
to come up in their house and live
when will I drive a BMW taking my clothes to the cleaner
How can I know
will I forever be paying my dues, will I forever be singing
the blues?
Where will I find a shoulder when I be wanting to lean
know what I mean?
when I be needing some justification
stuck in the fuckin' same location
who is the friend that is helping me?
who is the busta that's hurting me?
who can I trust?
will you be there when the going is tough?
Will I be hanging with dick in the dust?
Who wants to share my load when it's too heavy to carry?
or will I go crazy pulling the load alone?
constantly getting my hustle on
when will I finally see, kinda suspect
or even actually know
Who is my real friend thick and the thin?
and who in the fuck is the foe?

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