

## Guru

# "Down The Backstreets"

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Featuring Lonnie Liston Smith \*

\* featured artists on this album were jazz musicians

[Guru]

Down the backstreets down the backstreets  
Down the backstreets down the backstreets  
(I'm walkin down the backstreets)  
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(I be walkin down the backstreets)

Yo here goes some info on my flow and how I move  
to a def groove, I keep my rep smooth  
On the down-low, I travel with my mind to the street  
Concrete, like the gravel I'm in deep  
So I gotta hit ya from a real perspective  
Cause anyone who's talkin that crap, will surely get his  
I'm not the one to act flashy  
Cause man where I be at, we don't have to be classy

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Check it stupid

While you're out there, on the main streets frontin  
Your game's weak, so I'm huntin you down clown  
Cause you need to learn somethin  
All that bluffin, won't get you nothin but killed  
No mission fulfilled, because there's others who will  
get jealous, hell if they can take clout from you, they'll  
do it

So that's what I'm about to do, I'll step to it  
and strip you of your pride (your pride)  
And then I'll stick and I'll rip you up from all sides  
or possibly I'll let you slide, slime  
Cause you'll set your own death in just a matter of time  
Yeah, and I'll be somewhere on the sidelines, y'know

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So when you're lookin for me, here's where I'll be  
I'll be walkin down the backstreets in your vicinity  
Cause I been out here for a few  
So all that you're doin, ain't really nothin new (nothin  
new)  
I peeped the way you always perpetrate  
You're so phony, you make me wanna regurgitate  
Since you're ridin so high, you're bound to fall  
while I stand tall, and you don't get no props at all out  
here

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Down the backstreets, down the backstreets  
(Walkin down the backstreets)  
Down the backstreets, down the backstreets  
(It's the backstreets)  
Down the backstreets, down the backstreets  
(In your backstreets)

Down the backstreets, is a mind state  
Cause I don't have to be a pop star to rhyme great  
I've been out here observin things  
So now all fake gangsters and pranksters I'm servin  
Youknowwhat!msayin? I'm the king  
Come down the backstreets where it's dark  
I'ma snatch your heart  
So get a handle on life and quit livin so trife  
Or else we're gonna have to run up, and SMACK all the  
weak  
Comin straight from the backstreets  
And I'm out, ninety-three, it's all me

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