## Ice Cube "What Can I Do?"

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[Intro: sampled announcer]

In any country, prison is where society sends it's failures
But in this country, society itself is failing.

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[Verse One:]

Today, how you like me now, I'm in the mix? It's 1986 and I got the fix with the chicken and a quota Got the baking soda, let the water boil, workers all loyal Dropped out the twelveth Cuz my wealth is shorter than a midget on his knees Now I slang keys Infest my hood with crack, cuz I'm the mack Take a nation of millions to hold me back Too big for my britches, and I got bitches Now I'm hittin' switches, niggas want my riches Used to get 18 when my G was alive, now a key is 13-5 '89s the number, another summer Police ain't get no dumber Streets dried up, used to think it would last But being a king-pin is a thing of the past They tried to blast me for selling a boulder Now I got my ass in Minnesota Got my own crew, it's on brand new

Damn, what can I do?

Today...

[Verse Two:]

Already done stack me half a mill ticket
Bought a house next to Prince, so now I can kick it
Now I got ends, wavin' to my friends, rollin' in my Benz
Goin' to see the Twins, play at the dome
Police are tappin' my mobile phone
I'm almost home
Gettin' excited, indited, spent a grip and a year tryin' to
fight it
Lawyer got paid, plea, no contest

And everything I own got repossessed
Now take a look at the dust
And I'm happy cuz I only got 36 months
Never picked up a book
But my arms are 16 inches, niggas look
Can't wait for '92 so I can get with my crew

And see, what can I do?

Today...

[Verse Three:]

Phucked up in the pen, now it's ninety-fo Back in LA, and I'm bailin' in the dough Everybody, now I gotta start from scratch So where to work at, and niggas smirk at Me say ain't nuttin' poppin from here to the LB What you tell me? No it ain't crack, and everybody's jackin' for a coupe Cuz, they sent in the troops Even tho I got muscle, that ain't my hustle Takin' niggas sh\*t in a tussle No skills to pay the bills Takin' 'bout education to battle inflashion No college degree, just a dumb ass G (Yeah you Nigga, who me?) I got a baby on the way, damn it's a mess Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes Took some advice from my Uncle Fester All dressed up in polyester Welcome to McDonalds may I please help you? sh\*t, what can I do?

Today...

[Outro:]

The white man has broke every law known to man to establish AmeriKKKa.

But he'll put you in the state penitentary, he'll put you in the federal

penitentary for breaking these same laws. Now we gonna look and see if

this muthaphucker is guilty for the laws he'll put you in jail for :

Drug using, drug selling, armed robbery, strong armed robbery, grand larceny, rape, racketering, conspiracy to commit murder, extortion,

aggravated assault, mayhem, sodomy of the black man, trespassing, embezzelment, purgery, kidnapping, smuggling, grand theft, brandishing a firearm, carrying a conceled weapon, breaking and entering, and premeditated cold-blooded murder.

Guilty on every charge.

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