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## Ice-T

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IÂ'm rollinÂ' up in a big grey bus
IÂ'm shackled down, myself thatÂ's who I trust
The minute I arrived some sucker got hit
Shanked 10 times behind some bullshit
Word on the pen the fool was a snitch
So without hesitatinÂ' I made a weapon quick
Found a sharp piece of metal taped it to a stick
Then the bullhorn sounds; that means itÂ's time to chow

My first prison meal the whole feelinÂ' was foul It wasnÂ't quite my style but my stomach growled So I washed the shit down and hit the weight pile The brothers was swole, their attitude was cold I felt the tension on the yard from the young and the old

But IÂ'm a warrior, I got my ground to hold So I studied the inmates to see who had the power The whites, the blacks or just the gun tower.

Voice-over of prison inmate describing the Â'daddyÂ' inmates

In the blink of an eye a riot broke out Blacks put their backs to the wall Â'cos it was North an South

Somebody shouts and everybody had doubts
Then the bullets started flippinÂ', took two men out
Then they rushed everybody back to their cells
Damn! the pen is different from the county jail
IÂ'm in a one man cell, I know my lifeÂ's on the scale
I wonder if that gunman is goinÂ' to hell

This is my second day, IÂ'm on a ten year stay I learnt my first lesson; in the pen you donÂ't play I saw a brother kill another Â'cos they said he was gay But thatÂ's the way it is, been that way for years When his body hit the ground I heard a couple of cheers

It kinda hurt me inside that they were glad he died And I asked myself just who had the power The whites, the blacks or just the gun tower.

More prison inmate voice-overs

You see the whites got a thing they call white pride Blacks got the muscle, Mexicans got the knives You gotta be wise ya wanna stay alive Go toe to toe with a sucker no matter what size. A fool tried to sweat me acting like he was hard I stuck him twice in the neck and left him dead in the yard It was smooth how I did it Â'cos nobody could see With my jacket on my arm and my knife on the side of me

Bam-Bam! it was over, another fool bites the dust I went crazy in the pen with nobody to trust IÂ'm benchinÂ' 10 quarters so IÂ'm hard to sweat Use my tat gun to engrave my set.

They call me a lifer Â'cos IÂ'm good as dead I live in the hole so the floor is my bed And I ask myself again who has the power The whites, the blacks or just the gun tower.

Final prison inmate voice-over concludes; There was tension all over, I could definitely feel that. Then they rounded us up, took us over to another yard Where there was more drama; the warning shot was a hit...

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