

## Kanye West "NYC Freestyle Cypher"

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[Kanye West]

It's like I wanna spit something written  
But keep forgetting  
So I guess it's from the heart from the start  
Played my part  
Seemed like I just wasn't reaching the charts  
5000 hours, rewritting Power  
Over and over  
Some nights sober, some nights gone off the Henny as  
usual  
So unusual to be in this position  
Everything I say everybody tryna diss 'em  
Everybody playin him, truth be told  
The last n-gga ever let the truth be told  
And oh Mos Def ran to my home  
And said they gon have yo ass gone  
Light jokes, you keep playin with them white folks

Cant even take the piss  
They gon' test your urine  
Cut all the sponsorship for the touring!  
"Where the Dark Fantasy tour at Ye?"  
I dont know, ask, ask Hennesy (thats Coca-Cola)  
Say 'he aint clean enough'  
but rappers aint mean enough?  
Enough lashes like I aint seen enough  
On the real, this is like the Neo-Emmitt Till  
Whistling- Get yo f-cking ass killed  
Lets keep this shit real!

Now who the realest  
Everybody feel this  
And everyday of my life, people try to tell me that I hate  
the whites  
Cuz I said wats right  
I go to sleep and deal wit it every night  
And wake up every morning  
And walk to the liquor store or coffee store shop on the  
Mersa wats worser?  
Its no verse that would reverse the-  
In print or in cursive  
They curse the name, or maybe call me Kane

Lets have a 'toast for the douche bags'  
Then people wanna talk about me on blogs because I  
like clothes like look at this fag

Thats what I have to deal wit real shit  
Yall dont even understand, what it take to be a real  
man  
A black man interested in art, speaking from the heart  
and playin' my part  
All this illuminati talk, like my first hit single wasnt  
'Jesus Walks'

For many years, these aint rhymes these is muthaf-  
cking tears  
They playin' wit n-ggas careers  
Felt like I'm the only real n-gga here  
From my last breath  
They kicked me out the awards and my n-gga Diddy  
left  
Then they even set Beyonce up to give the Award back  
Didn't even know I afford that  
And she rode the wave as I rode the slave  
As I felt like a slave as they try to put my shit up in the  
grave

N-gga behave, n-gga behave  
Be the first ?  
I bet ya no one else would ever say nuttin' and stay  
frontin'  
And get up and just perform, Shit is enormous  
Shout out to Steve Stout, you know what this shit 'bout  
My whole family, now I'm scared of Grammy's  
Cause everybody know that Dark Fantasy was the  
highest rated album in history

So I just avoided it, not to be exploited, not to be  
recorded  
Cause I cannot afford it, I cannot afford more shit to be  
in more debt  
Uh, it's too real for these n-ggas, you feel for these n-  
ggas  
How I feel to be a black man, you say something  
wrong, nobody understand  
Money, power, black, opinion, pick two, they would kill  
ya.

[Mos Def]  
No matter what goes on  
They may not agree, they may not understand  
But God got a plan, to put the mic in my hand  
and his hand and that hand

And ideas, and all of theres  
And the end, everybody up in here, in this atmosphere  
So make it clear, live long and prosper  
Much success, even if you wish me the opposite  
? I stay on my job  
Try to pray to keep my heart from going harm  
And I aint perfect, you know that from old me  
My life is real even when I'm in the movies  
I'm on the ave, I'm in the cave  
I buried my Grandmother on Thursday, two weeks ago  
My life is real, as it ever been  
To all my friends and even foes  
Each and every one of those, let em know  
I shine a globe, even in the dark, stay smart  
Stay sharp, as a harp played by a musician in this  
position  
Feel blessed to make the whole World listen  
And just glisten without even trying  
Even when I die, I wont stay dead  
And its straight off the head, and its straight out the  
lungs  
Looking fly, fresh, old man, so young  
And I'm straight from the slums  
And never been above so the ba-bum-ba-bum-bum-  
pum-pum...  
This thing ups, let us all give some  
Number one yo, I'm number none, no comparision  
And make the whole world aware of it  
Brooklyn in the building we take care of it  
Peace out to all the Sagittarius  
And happy birthday Pisces and Aries too  
And this go out to all area crew  
And if you come from the 78 scene and you just like me  
Say it over ?  
From the present, and the past and the future and  
beyond  
Me and Lupe and Kanye we play the song and get it on

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