

K'naan "If Rap Gets Jealous"

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So good things come to those who wait?
Sure, I've waited about pop, pop, pop, pop
That's four cousins shot
I got grudges, let's discuss this
My music needs no touch ups

I got a long record of fuck-ups, trust me
You don't know a past as weird as mine or a life as
hard as mine
I had to hustle, chop, sell drugs, grind
Whatever you want to call it is fine, but just listen

And don't pre-judge, I don't want anyone dismissin' me
As another thug or some shit like that
No sir, if I fall I will get right back
I got circumstances, but let me stop dancin' around the
issue

And tell you straight forward that I'm poor
A refugee, been in prison and survived the war
I come from the most dangerous city in this universe
You're likely to get shot at birth

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I hear jerkin' off punks with lip glosses and purses
I don't see nobody operating shit anymore, I see
nurses
Fuck that, I'm gonna stay alive, I'd rather do a stage
dive

And if rap gets jealous 'cause I rock heavy
It don't worry me if motherfuckers don't get it
Yo, if rap gets jealous, cause of where I'm headed
I used to be public enemy, don't forget it

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So, yeah, basically I gotta release occasionally

I gotta let you know what's goin' on with me and facing
me
Are some tough choices, I got a good side and a bad
side
Inside my head, I hear screams and loud voices

And I can't lie, I ain't got shit, I ain't got to brag
I'm hard pressed for some cash, 'cause that's where
I'm at with that
You're so superficial, of course it's fo' shizzle
Now my choice is to piss on you boys

'Cause my mission is the world
To know my name, my aim is plainly success
But I still gotta come fresh

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It's what it is, it's pain, you know what I'm saying?
I don't know, man, it's like
You spend years developing your artistry
And you know what I'm saying, perfecting your skill
And you can't do shit with it

That's gotta be fucked up, you know what I'm saying?
That's gotta be fucked up, you know?
Just imagine like, imagine you build a fucking castle
And you can't live in it

That's what it is, you can't live in it, you know?
And you got problems, you got family to feed
I got family to feed, moment of truth, right?
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