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Lecrae "Sacrifice"

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[Verse 1:]

My eyes redder than blood shots Nightmares of them gunshots I took my girl from the lone star To Memphis 10 on them cold blocks And what you think we moved for To see kids get killed in the school zone? To see crack get sold, bodies turned cold What you think, I think that's cool, bro? And why do you think I went to school for? To turn around and move back to the hood? Nah, boy, that's what it's called a sacrifice This is bigger than me, it's for a greater good I went to cape town, had a breakdown Mozambique seen a man face down Took blows to the head, boy it's cold out here So we're staying on the grind, no brakes, nah nah If this a gimmick then explain what's the incentive Been extorted, near deported for this faith I'm representing

And when I started penning lyrics
I wasn't thinking bout no cypher
I was thinking about them addicts
And them juvies and them lifers
Well this is what the people lose they life for
And what they give up all they rights for
It ain't no church in the wild, huh?
But tell me, who you think I write for?
And I ain't tryin' to be self righteous
But I write just so you'll think twice
Folks wanna call this gospel rap
Nah, homeboy, this is sacrifice

[Verse 2:]

Some of these rapper's reputations should be in dispute
Cause real recognize real
And you do not compute
Good as laying your life down
Sacrifice for a worthy cause
Not for a bunch of green paper stacks

Overpriced clothes and shiny cars, no
This is sacrifice, it's giving your own
Even when they don't understand you
You still answer your calling
And when the world is falling and they back is turned
You reach your hand out and pull them out that fiery
furnace
I learned that from the old heads

You know the ones that never turned back
Martin Luther King got shot for it
That's priceless you can't earn that
Then tell me what do you think he died for?

A peace prize? A holiday?

So I can rap a whole bunch of weak lines

About how I'm a make my choppers spray?

If Jesus really lived, then He really died

Sacrificed Himself and rose before they very eyes

And if I ain't really changed

Then it's all a lie

Why put my life on the line

Mayne this ain't worth my time

Cause it's been real

When nobody knew us we been here

Before the billboards and the Grammy awards

It was Christ homeboy we been clear

I ain't never been fake

Got faith, if I lied to yo face

May I die a disgrace

Live for the truth that He died in my place

Thank God for the sacrifice and His grace

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