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Ludacris "I Do It For Hip-hop (co-starring Nas & Jay-z)"

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(Ludacris) I do it for hip-hop I do it for hip-hop Yeah, I do it for hip-hop

Now this is what they call poetry in motion My soul bleeds on the paper, heart screams with emotion This my daily devotion, that verses stay deeper than the ocean So hip-hop you owe me a promotion Yeah, I do a little boastinÂ' and bragginÂ' WhatÂ's all the commotion and nagginÂ' about Â'Cause IÂ'm still the champ in the south Â'Cause rappers get in the booth and I keep dragginÂ' them out Where they fired and these pink slips I keep handinÂ' them out Â'Cause this is Theater of Mind, consider it a sign Of whatÂ's to come next, my moneyÂ's just fine Bank filled with dump checks Terrorist threat flow, proceed to drop (bombs) like Mr. Funk Flex But I donÂ't do it for the money, I do it from the heart IÂ'll do it with the beatbox, I did it from the start IÂ'll do it for the DJs, IÂ'll do it for the charts The Van Gogh flow. Luda do it Â'cause itÂ's art I do it for the fans. I do it on command I do it for the front row, I do it for the stands I spit it for the hood, I do it for the block And since nine years old, I did it for hip-hop (Ludacris) So, I donÂ't do for the chains and the fancy drops

I do it for hip-hop I do it for hip-hop I do it for hip-hop And I donÂ't do for the chains and the flashinÂ' rocks I do it for hip-hop I do it for hip-hop I do it for hip-hop

(Nas)

Only those that really know me are the ones that I talk with They smile in the light, hate in the dark, you call it beef, to me its's just a fuckinÂ' walk in the park Because you are who you are when nobody is looking That's who you are so when the cash and cars is gone, the day after tomorrow DonÂ't be askinÂ' to borrow, ski maskinÂ' it hard, like the way you rap in your bars I could ride on you and whoever, devise new endeavors IÂ'm as live as hive full of predators Twenty thousands different species of bees Some half poisonous sting, some just pollinating their leafs It's just like rap, some will buzz some will attack, compromising their own life in fact Sixteen years since my first sixteen, pardon the rest of my niggas But IÂ'm the best whoever did it (Ludacris) I donÂ't do for the cars and the fancy drops (Nas) Uh, I do it for hip-hop Yeah, I do it for hip-hop, uh (Ludacris) I do it for hip-hop And I donÂ't do for the chains and the flashinÂ' rocks (Nas) Why we do it kid, I do it for hip-hop Yeah, I do it for hip-hop, uh I do it for hip-hop (Jay-Z) Hip-hop, started out in the park We used to do it to avoid the Narcs I used to do it so the homeboy Clark can get the fuck off my back while I knocked off these packs I used to rap to impress my friends The past of time when I was gettinÂ' it in Just so happens IÂ'm so illegal with the pen, they ainÂ't want me to do anything illegal again I lost a lot of dawgs to these streets I got Grammy awards on these beats Thank God for Cool Herc Without this shit I probably wouldÂ've got murked

They say IÂ'm so low key, IÂ'm socially awkward

Shout outs to Grandmaster Flash and the cash And even Jaz bum ass Hip hop helped me wash me ass These other rappers couldnÂ't wash my socks ThatÂ's why I took the number one slot The realest shit in rap comes from my voice box Lord knows when I was on my clock I probably never wouldÂ've stopped Thank God for hip-hop

(Ludacris) I donÂ't do for the cars and the fancy drops (Jay-Z) I do it for hip-hop I do it for hip-hop (Ludacris) I do it for hip-hop And I donÂ't do for the chains and the flashinÂ' rocks (Jay-Z) come on, I do it for hip-hop I do it for hip-hop (both) I do it for hip-hop

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