

## Ludacris

# "I Do It For Hip Hop"

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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 boastin' and braggin'  
What's all the commotion and naggin' about  
'Cause I'm still the champ in the south  
'Cause rappers get in the booth and I keep draggin'  
them out  
Where they fired and these pink slips I keep handin'  
them out

'Cause this is Theater of the Mind, consider it a sign  
Of what's to come next, my money's just fine  
Bank filled with dump cheques  
Terrorist threat flow, proceed to drop bombs like Mr  
Funk Flex

But I don't do it for the money, I do it from the heart  
I'll do it with the beatbox, I did it from the start  
I'll do it for the DJs, I'll do it for the charts  
The Van Gogh flow, Luda do it 'cause it'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

I don't do it for the cars and the fancy drops  
I do it for hip hop  
I do it for hip hop  
I do it for hip hop

And I don't do it for the chains and the flashin' rocks  
I do it for hip hop

I do it for hip hop  
I do it for hip hop

They say I'm so low key, I'm socially awkward  
Only niggas who really know me, who I talk with  
They smile in the light, hate in the dark  
You call it beef, to me it's just a fuckin' walk in the park

Because you are who you are when nobody is lookin'  
That's who you are, so when the cash and cars is gone  
The day after tomorrow don't be askin' to borrow  
Ski maskin' it hard like the way you rap in your bars

I could ride on you and whoever, devise new  
endeavors  
I'm as live as hive full of predators  
Twenty thousands different species of bees  
Some half poisonous sting, some just pollinatin' leafs

It's just like rap, some will buzz some will attack  
Compromisin' own life in fact  
Sixteen years since my first sixteen, pardon the rest of  
my niggas  
But I'm the best whoever did it

I don't do it for the cars and the fancy drops  
I do it for hip hop  
Yeah, I do it for hip hop  
I do it for hip hop

And I don't do it for the chains and the flashin' rocks  
Why we do it kid? I do it for hip hop  
Yeah, I do it for hip hop  
I do it for hip hop

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 gettin' it in  
Just so happens I'm so illegal with the pen  
They ain't want me to do anythin' 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 would've got murked  
Shout out to Grandmaster Flash and the cash and even

Jaz bum ass

Hip hop helped me wash my rocks  
These other rappers couldn't wash my socks  
That'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 would've stopped  
Thank God for hip hop

I don't do it for the cars and the fancy drops  
I do it for hip hop  
I do it for hip hop  
I do it for hip hop

And I don't do it for the chains and the flashin' rocks  
Come on, I do it for hip hop  
I do it for hip hop  
I do it for hip hop

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