

Aesop Rock "Nickel Plated Pockets"

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[INTRO: Vast Aire & Aesop conversing]

Yo, (Alright Ok)

Can I get a quarter or something?

Little hungry, you know what I'm saying? (Alright Ok)

Homeless...

I need a Lucy yo...

(Yo...)

[VERSE ONE]

Walk into the store with a pocket full of nickels

And a city full of horns, jackhammers, and rape whistles

The alley cats manipulate the blocks with gutter magic

Today my heart beats only out of habit

Check it, it's like..

My man Jus used to keep an ox between his teeth

Said he could spit it with pinpoint accuracy if there was beef

We chuckled out loud

Still the thought of it intrigued me, (right)

So now I keep a jackal under my tongue to spit with related reasoning

The earthworm turbulent murder burnout Gerber baby no brain or memoir stardom

Alarmed, pardon the ??

Robber crumb ugly dumb image

Barely sprung ? now grimace

Nearly cut cherry blood's picket wrist back in high school (now it's like)

Spy with a millipede pentagon pirate navigates cities some systems

Urbanite turbines

Twisted Pistons

Termites that infect ? Village

There's roaches in the pillars (Spillover)

And crawl across commuter-train wingtips and loafers

It's the theme park I built

Pocket full of nickels for cigarettes, gum, and milk, bitterness, love, and violence

I'm writing a petition to have smoking as a sport

In the 2002 Summer Olympic Games (wanna sign it?)
Now look, I jux germs draggin a gavel knee deep in a
maggot hatchery
Operation capture flag by any means
If this means anything at all, anyway it's a riddle
Walk into the store with a pocket full of nickels

[SEGUE 1: Vast Aire & Aesop Conversing]

Ay uh, yo excuse me (Ay Yo) yo
Can I borrow a dollar or something? (Ah sorry man)
nickel?
(Sorry man, I can't help you out dog) Quarter?
Something man?(Yeah I only got enough for like
cigarettes and shit man)
Alright man, I see how it is (I'm straight)

[VERSE TWO]

Walk into the store with a pocket full of nickels
And a city full of World Trade Center victim candle
vigils
There's anthrax in our mailboxes and Xanax in my
tummy
There's a single Spanish female out west traveling the
country
Freak of ?? glazer major running bases
Neighborhood watch weasels pacing ugly acres more
than often
If I ever make it big, I'm gonna build a skyscraper tall
enough to piss on
Cloud 9 egos from my corner office
You can't pull the plug on a catapult (nope)
I toss a nickel to a bum's cup from twenty paces
thumbs up
Got twenty ways to tell you shut the fuck up
Nineteen of em are 24 bars long, the other one goes
(SHUT THE FUCK UP!)
And an electronic daddy long legs stay grimy up in
your zoning wall
Groveling villagers, trying to hide behind the windmill
I just got in pig-back through subway tunnels with a
third rail nearest
While most still try to penetrate the alligator plants (It
goes)
Back in the class, throwing pencils at professors
And making barbarellas giggle
That's when life's pleasures were simple
Now it takes a dancing bear jumping through flaming
hoops
To even make em buy the god-forsaken single!
Though shall not desecrate the soothing spiral
Altered by a classic cut to vinyl

Find that in the Bible!
My insult Militia'll fix you up
Out by the pyramid shaped torso with your hollow
numbskull balancing on top
Now if you got a lock and gas mask outside of your
own apartment
You could pretty safely quote Shamar
Life's Ill, sometimes Life might kill, sometimes prayers
dwindle
Walk into the store with a pocket full of nickels

[SEGUE 2: Vast Aire & Aesop Conversing]

Yo (ay what's up man?) Yo can I ohh...
No..Never mind man (I can't help you out man)
Asshole! (Yo man, I'm trying to help myself out right
now)
Fucking asked you for a Lucy and you turned me down
(Dog, I'm sorry dog!)

[VERSE THREE]

Walk into the store, same pocket, same nickels
In a city where every crack in the sidewalk's a symbol
Where there's crack in the basement, where there's
crack in the slave ships
Where there's crack whores and corrupt pigs killing
cats trying to crack cases
My boombox runs on a baboon heart transplant (This is
hell!)
I got a poltergeist on a leash trained by Caroline
herself
Two Thousand something...
Technology aid itself glutton
Every move I make's from a robot gepetto pressing a
red button
It's Vietnam in the fumes
Yes I run with cannibals that bite the hand
That feeds cuz it tastes better than the food
The prickly outer shell's genetic, it helps defense mode
But it also helps to fuck up a couple of sacred
friendships
Watch a six legged insect crawl out of the billy goat
beard
Watch a sick makeshift bitch threat fall out when the
filthy smoke clears
Watch the insect's stinger sting threat till it has sweat a
bullet
Sweat a full clip, sweat a river, dead the bullshit, sail
away and wither
You're the kind of cat that rolls a pimped out Caddy
Dropped with rims and limousine tints bucking Enya
Insert laughter here

I wanna rap a lot and stack cheddar by the fistful
But for now, I walk into the store with a pocket full of
huhh...

[OUTRO: Vast Aire & Aesop conversing]

Excuse me man (alright ok)

Can I..Can I borrow a dollar or something to
eat?...(alright ok) I'm..I'm hungry

I'm saying yo...(alright ok) (Look at that..)

I'm homeless man (Look at that bum) (alright ok)

I fought for this country man (yeah)

Sleep on park benches....starvin'

All I need is like a lucy and like a sandwich or somethin'
man..

Wiping my ass with the Daily News man...c'mon man..

Sleepin' with squirrels (Oh my god, What are you doing
with that squirrel?)

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