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"I Can Be What I Want To Be"

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(Chorus x2)

I know I can
Be what i wanna be
If I work hard at it
I'll be where I want to be

(Verse)

Be be boys and girls listen up
You can be anything in the world
In God we trust
An architect, doctor, or maybe an actress
But nothin' comes easy it takes much practice
Like I met a woman who was becoming a star
She was very beautiful
Leaving people in awe
Singin' songs Lina Horn
But the younger version
Hung wit' the wrong person
Got her stunger that heroin
Cocaine sniffin' up drugs all in her nose
Could've died so young now looks ugly and old
No fun cuz now when she reaches for hugs
People hold they breath
Cuz she smells of corrosion and death
Watch the company you keep and the crowd you bring
Cuz they came to do drugs and you came to sing
So if you gonna be the best Im'a tell you how
Put your hands in the air and take the vow

chorusx2

(verse 2)

boys and girls listen again
this is for grown looking girls who's only ten,
the ones who watch videos and do what they see
as cute as can be, up in the clubs with fake i.ds,
careful 'fore you meet a man with h.i.v.
you can host a tv like oprah winfrey
whatever you decide, be careful, some men be rapists
so act your age, don't pretend to be older than you are,
give yourself time to grow, you're thinking he can give
you wealth

but so young boys, you could use alot of help you know
ya thinkin' life's all about smokin' weed and ice,
you don't wanna be my age and can't read and write
beggin' different women for a place to sleep at night,
smart boys turn to men and do whatever they wish
if you believe you can achieve, then say it like this

chorusx2

(verse 3)

before we came to this country,
we were kings and queens-never porch monkeys
there was empires in africa called kush,
timbuktu, where every race came to get books to learn
from black teachers
who taught greeks and romans, asians arabs, and
gave them gold
when gold was converted to money it all changed
money then became empowerment for europeans,
the persian military invaded
they heard about the gold, the teachings and
everything sacred
africa was almost robbed naked,
slavery was money, so they began making slaveships
egypt was the place that alexander the great went
he was in shock that in the mountains were black faces
shot off thier nose to impose what basically
still goes on today you see
if the truth is told the youth can grow,
they'll learn to survive, until they gain control
nobody says you have to be gangsters, hoes
read more, learn more, change the globe
ghetto children do your thing
hold your head up little man you're a king
young princess when you get your wedding ring
your man will sing she's my queen

chorusx2

oooooooo.....

save the music ya'll
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