Nas "Just A Moment"

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Can we please have a moment of silence?
That's for my niggaz doin' years in confinement
And for my soldiers that passed over, no longer living
That couldn't run whenever the reaper came to get 'em

Can we please pour out some liquor? Symobolizin', let's take in time to consider that Though our thugs ain't here, the love is here And we gon' rep 'til slugs kill us here

This for my dawgs stuck in the struggle tryin' to gain Smokin' trauma, sniffin' Ra while sellin' cocaine Trapped in the game, not knowin' how to stop and get by

To live it alive, so instead they live it to die

And can we please have a moment of peace? For every G that fell for his flag in the streets Bloodin' and thuggin', folkin' and lokin' crypin' and creepin'

Latin and kingin' or just for poor righteous teachin'

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Yeah, and can we have another moment of silence? For brothers who died from black-on-black violence From here to the dark continent were rebels sell diamonds

To clients all through the world, got little black girls dyin'

And can we please pour some more liquors? For Will, Bokeem, Bar, Pappy, my niggaz Here's another warrior song from Nasty and Quan It's to him I pass the baton to carry this on

Street's disciple Salute to those who gone with bullets And I promise through rhymin' Quan Gon' rep his life to the fullest

And can we please have a moment of truth?
For soldiers and troops away with helmets and boots
And families back home who pray they make it home
safe

Hopin' that they don't get hit with a stray or missiles

This is just a moment to let you all know That we miss you Mommy I'm still here, wishin' I was there with you Let's take 'em home

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And can we please have a moment to mourn?
For Pac, Biggie and Pun 'cause through us they live on
Jam Master Jay, Feaky Ty and Alliyah
Big L and Left Eye, when we die we wish to see ya

Can we please have a moment for children?
Who got raped or murdered, or trapped in the system
Who never knew their father, never learned to dream
But was guided by drug dealers, killers and crack
fiends

For single mothers that's forced to play mom and dad Bustin' her ass to give her kids shit she never had For my niggaz in the pen hopin' rhymes'll get 'em signed

So when released, they can say bye to a life of crime

For every mother that held a son in the street bleedin' Cryin' the song of sorrow to dark and deep for speakin' Just a moment outside the day to day struggle To let the ones we really care about know that we love 'em As days goes and nights fall For the rest of our life we'll miss y'all And even though life must go on, we'll still mourn While wishin' y'all were home

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