

## Nas

# "Never Gonna Give It Up"

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(featuring Boyz II Men)

[Nas talking]

Man, we love you man, you hear me?

This is coming from the General man, Nas man

Bravehearts love you man, this is to all of ya niggaz

Who been using my name from day one to make  
yourselves famous

Whether you shouting me out on your records

Whether you try to come at me on your records, or  
whether you just you know...?

You know... you know how you dick riding man? This  
goes out to ya

Cause we love you man, I've done made a lot of niggaz  
famous man

But I'm gon' make you...I make you make the papers,  
this one's for you

Hey yo, word up

It been a lot of times when a nigga ain't wanna fuck  
with this rap shit no more

Fuck this shit, but you know...? Through the year I  
started to see shit, you knowamsayin?

Nigga see niggaz driving around with fancy cars,  
diamonds all that shit

Niggaz thinking nigga chilling

Got to go through a whole bunch of big shit, all that  
bullshit

But you know what? Fuck that shit, you know how I feel?

Yo

[Nas with chorus]

I'm never gonna give it up, fuck that

I made a mil', but that ain't good enough

Ocean and a beach so I can really live it up

See, that's the life baby, you got to understand its life  
baby

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[Verse 1]

Uhh... I got the mention and the nice ride  
Platinum chain, and an ice watch  
All this fame in my life's hard  
I entertain, been so many places, see so many  
different faces  
They look the same from the stages  
After the concert, hours of long work  
Home sick from the role, smoking my lungs hurt  
Even thought now I'm recording songs  
It's better than, when I was pedaling doing wrong  
I brought the crew along, we thuggin  
Fucking married bitches; they go to their husbands  
Bitches ain't shit, we laughing with them  
Can't even role the streets now, without the heat  
I bust the nigga off impost, that shit is weak  
On trial, what I'm gon' tell the judge  
He don't give me no smile, he don't give me no love,  
nor???? the jury  
That's when I need celeb status and the blackness

This motherfucker's hate rappers, what a life

[Chorus: with changes]

[Verse 2]

My girl hate when I'm with my boys, think I'm cheating  
Every morning knocking at my door state policeman  
Give him a reason, but I don't give it to him  
They said they heard a disturbance, and I just listen to  
him  
See, I cooperate until they push me  
Cops hate when you know the law, you ain't pussy - you  
not fake  
Can't explain how much I miss the block  
When we was slinging with my niggaz, screaming  
"Fuck the cops!"  
Now when I'm dreaming I can see my dead friends  
smile  
Wake up, I get some air, hit the mall for a while - pick  
up some gear  
I'm going to the studio; my engineer put the track up  
from "out west"  
And he told me spit it clear...Uhh  
Another hit is just made, another album  
So ones again we getting paid, and now we wilding  
Get hype to shoot the video, all in the city yo  
I'm hoping that a nigga blow, but ya don't hear me  
thought

[Chorus]

[Verse 3]

Uhh...the haters say I ain't shit  
Hope I fall, but I can't slip  
Got to ball, got to bank chips  
Old ladies hate my moms cause their kids ate them out  
to nothing  
Catch my moms on the bench fronting  
I got to stay awake, got to pray today  
Glad I'm still alive, fuck what them haters say  
So many times I ain't wanna rhyme  
Wanted a normal life, when I ain't Nas all the time  
Uhh...so many problems too, do what I got to do  
As long as my moms say, "Boy, I'm proud of you!"  
I keep laying hits, one is never quits  
Plus if I stop, how will I stay legit?

[Chorus]

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