Nas "N.y. State Of Mind Part Ii"

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Uh, yo, yo-yo, y'all
Whattup? Whattup
It's time man, word, it's time?
Straight up, it's time man
Aight, set that shit off
Set it off then nigga, set it off

Broken glass in the hallway, bloodstained floors Neighbors, look at every bag you bring through your doors

Lock the top lock, momma should cuffed me to the radiator

Why not? It might've saved me later from my block

N.Y. cops, hookers crawlin' off the stroll, coughin' Stitches in they head, stinkin' and I dread thinkin' they be snitchin'

But who else, could it be, shook at these, unmarked vans

Parked in the dark, NARC's, where's your heart?

Hustlers starve, they bust a U-e I jog
To my building, come out later wearin' camouflage
See the sergeant and the captain strangle men
Niggaz gaspin' for air till they move no more
And just stare with dead eyes

Tired of riots, shit is quiet
Simple-minded fools infiltrate grimy crews
Overcrowded cribs, uncles home from bids, sister's
pregnant
Father's on drugs, moms is smokin', beds is piss-

Had eight partners growin' up, eight turned to seven Seven turned to six niggaz, got two in heaven Six of us, holdin' it, now it's five rollin' thick

infested

The sixth one's parole flipped, five niggaz, went to fo' quick

When he went O.T., college life, converted into gangbangin'

Four niggaz still hangin', years passed and slang changin'

Three of us now, fourth nigga ain't around We all thought he was real, he did the snake shit

Fake shit, beat his ass down, yo his mouth Could've got us all wasted, what a fuckin' clown All I got left in the end is two of my best friends And we all goin' out to the death for these ends

New York, New York (N.Y. State Of Mind) (N.Y. State Of Mind)

You heard about it, you see about it You read about it, it's in your papers It's in your daily news

New York chronicles, every day
The crime rate, the murder rate
The money rate, the paper chase, you know what I
mean?
New York state of mind, baby, check it out

I'm at the, gamblin' spot, my hands on a knot New York Yankee cap cover my eyes, stand in one spot I take a nigga dough, send him home, to a shoe box You lost that nigga I put your dollar in the jukebox

Hear my favorite song, all these niggaz sing along All the cigarette smoke's cloggin' my lungs Hoodrats flashin' they tongue Young thugs blastin' they gun, we got reputations Bitches and niggaz both on parole or probation

Shit is sick, niggaz got gats, army fatigues
I got my eyes glued on, whoever walk in the lead
'Cause I ain't playin', niggaz'll run up in here and shoot
up this shit
Stick yo' ass up, niggaz'll find the loot in your kicks

Bunch of triple-cross niggaz, just New York niggaz Lift you off your feet when they was just talkin' with you Some of these dudes the Feds be on 'em, you knew 'em for years

Be the type when you walk in a pub, they offer you beers

That ain't gangsta, niggaz is up North with tatted tears Your name's on the affidavit, you ratted kid Faggot-ass niggaz that be scared to do they bids Fuck you, we run you out of N.Y. you can't live

Got your quiet niggaz, that relocated down South Comin' back to floss, then you got the jealous loudmouths

All of a sudden we got Crips and Bloods, D.T.'s Runnin' 'round quick to split your mug

It's easy to score but it's hard to get the shit off Niggaz fightin' over hundred sales, jump in the car and drive off

When the fiend come around the block, happy as hell Niggaz mad 'cause they ain't get a piece of that sale

Cutthroat connivers, universal, ghetto survivors
Go to any hood that's live and make it liver
A lot of niggaz scheamin', some real, some niggaz
frontin'

But I'm a big dreamer, so watch me come up with somethin'

New York, New York New York, New York

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