

## Nas "Shine On Em"

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Everybody wants heaven but nobody wants dead  
Everybody wants diamonds without the bloodshed  
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Everybody wants diamonds without the bloodshed

They wanna shine on, shine on, shine on, shine on  
Shine on, shine on, shine on, shine on, yeah

They dug me out the soil in the mines of the  
motherland  
Now I'm misplaced, one hand to another hand  
Illegal smugglin', people strugglin'  
Wish they could just throw me back in the mud again

Yeah, guess that's how we got here  
Slave trade then the diamond trade  
Every child's afraid when  
His mother and father get sprayed

Forced in the army, young killer brigade  
Gets a new name then he give his nose glue  
Til' his mind can't take what he's gon' through  
Lookin' in that dirt for that eyes so blue  
Then the Royal Family, the ice goes to

And this thing has to change, feelin' half-ashamed  
As I rap with my platinum chain when you shop for a  
gift for me  
You think about the misery, the same way we made  
apartheid history  
We can do the same thing to the conflict ice  
But everybody wanna shine, right?

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My VVS glimmers on my chest

200 thou' encrusted watch on my wrist  
I wonder how people starve to death  
When God bless the land that lacks the harvest

The stone's equality, but they homes are poverty  
And the whole world ignores the robbery  
Bought my girl pretty rocks when she's mad at me  
Tear-drop shaped, uh, perfect clarity

It shocks, so many are killed annually  
'Cause of greed, lust, and pure vanity  
Stop talkin' and do somethin' about it

Every holiday season, jewelry stores crowded  
Kids snatched from their homes, mutilated alive  
Husbands separated from wives, keep the Jesus piece  
to be fly  
But back in the day there was a time when they called  
us shine

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