Nas "The Message"

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Fake thug, no love, you get the slug, CB4 Gusto Your luck low, I didn't know 'til I was drunk though You freak niggaz played out, get fucked an' ate out Prostitute turned bitch, I got the gauge out

96 ways I made out, Montana way
The Good F E L L A, verbal AK spray
Dipped attache, jumped out the Range, empty out the
ashtray
A glass of 'Ze make a man Cassius Clay

Red dot plots, murder schemes, thirty-two shotguns Regulate wit my dunns, 17 rocks gleam from one ring Yo, let me let y'all niggaz know one thing There's one life, one love, so there can only be one King

The highlights of livin', Vegas style, roll dice in linen Antera spinnin' on Milleniums, twenty G bets I'm winnin' them, threats I'm sendin' them Lex with TV sets, the minimum, ill sex adrenaline

Party with villains, a case of Demi-Sec to chase the Henny

Wet any clique, with the semi-tech, who want it? Diamonds, I flaunt it, chickenheads flock, I lace 'em Fried broiled with basil, taste 'em, crack the legs

Way out of formation, it's horizontal how I have 'em Fuckin' me in the Benz wagon
Can it be Vanity from Last Dragon?
Grab your gun, it's on though
Shit is grimy, real niggaz buck in broad daylight

With the broke Mac, it won't spray right
Don't give a fuck who they hit as long as the drama's lit
Yo, overnight thugs bug 'cause they ain't promised shit
Hungry ass hooligans stay on that piranha shit

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I peeped you frontin', I was in the Jeep Sunk in the seat, tinted with heat, beats bumpin' Across the street, you was wildin' Talkin' 'bout how you ran the Island in '89 Layin' up, playin' the yard with crazy shine

I cocked a baby 9, that nigga grave be mine Clanked him, what was he thinkin'? On my corner when it's 'Pay me time' Dug 'em, you owe me, cousin, somethin' told me, ?Plug him? So dumb, felt my leg burn, then it got numb

Spun around an' shot one, heard shots an' dropped, son

Caught a hot one, somebody take this biscuit 'Fore the cops come
Then they came askin' me my name, what the fuck? I got stitched up an' went through

Left the hospital that same night, what?
Got my gat back, time to backtrack
I had to drop so how the fuck I get clapped?
Black was in the Jeep watchin' all these scenes speed by
It was a brown Datsun an' yo, nobody in my hood got one

That clown nigga's through, blazin' at his crew daily
The 'Bridge touched me up severely, hear me?
So when I rhyme, it's sincerely yours
Be lightin' Ls, sippin' Coors on all floors in project halls

Contemplatin' war, niggaz, I was cool with before We used to score together, Uptown coppin' the raw But uhh, a thug changes an' love changes An' best friends become strangers, word up

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Yo, to them thug niggaz gettin' it on In the world, you know? To them niggaz that's locked down Doin' they thing survivin', ya' knowmsayin'?

To my thorough niggaz, New York an' world wide Yo, to the Queensbridge Militia 9 6 shit, The Firm clique, 'Illmatic', nigga

'It Was Written' though
It's been a long time comin'
Y'all fake niggaz, tryin' to copy
Better come with the real though

Fake ass niggaz, yo They throw us slugs, we throwin' 'em back, what? Bring the shit, man, live, man Fuck that, son, 9 6 shit

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