

Public Enemy "Shut Em Down"

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I testified my mama cried
Black people died when the other man lied
See the TV, listen to me double trouble
I overhaul and I'm comin' from the lower level

I'm takin' tabs sho'nuff stuff to grab
Like shirts it hurts wit a neck to wreck
Took a poll 'cause our soul
Took a toll

From the education of a TV station
But look around
Hear go the sound of the wreckin' ball
Boom and pound when I shut 'em down

I shut 'em down
(Shut 'em down shut 'em, shut 'em down)
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 what I use in the battle for the mind?
I hit it hard like it supposed
Pullin' no blows to the nose
Like uncle L said I'm rippin' up shows

Then what it is only 5 percent of the biz
I'm addin' woes that's how the way it goes
Then you think I rank never drank, point blank
I own loans suckers got me runnin' from the bank

Civil liberty I can't see to pay a fee
I never saw a way to pay a sap to read the law
Then become a victim of a lawyer
Don't know ya, never saw ya

Tape cued gettin' me sued
Playin' games wit' my head
What the judge said put me in the red
Got me thinkin' 'bout a trigger to the lead

No no my education mind say
Suckers gonna pay anyway
There gonna be a day
'Cause the troop they roll in

To posse up whole from the ground
Ready to go throw another round
Sick of the ride it's suicide
For the other side of town
When I find a way to shut 'em down

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Who count the money in the neighborhood
But we spendin' money to no end lookin' for a friend
In a war to the core rippin' up the poor in the stores
Till they get a brother kickin' down doors

Then I figure I kick it bigger look 'em dead in the eye
And they wince defense is pressurized
They don't want it to be another racial attack
In disguise so give some money back

I like Nike but wait a minute
The neighborhood supports so put some money in it
Corporations owe they gotta give up the dough
To the town or else we gotta shut 'em down

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