

## **Rakim**

### **"It's A Must"**

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If I lay low and let the day go, it'll slow my payroll  
Aye yo, I'm a terrorize charge and slay shows  
Ra slay flows go as far as the Barbados  
On the turntable, sound like tornadoes

My style is performed like tropical storms  
You're not to get on, the whole spot will get torn  
I keep the metropolitan hollerin' and bring the dollars in  
Keep the models followin', wise as king Solomon

Come slow through the jungle like an animal  
Invade any land, I go like General Hannibal  
From Long Island to Queens light up the New York  
scenes  
All the way to New Orleans and everything in between

Left to go, bless a show in Mexico  
Next thing I know it's extra cold, I see Eskimo's  
It's time to rock, get it hot soon as I get in there  
Spit in they ear, so flow they froze and I disappear

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They said I was ahead of my time or either here before  
To see the idea clear it takes a year or more  
Now times that by the years, I reign straight seven  
No hear for four years, still multiplied by eleven

The silence's a set back make 'em regret that  
One way to get back is violence and wet cats  
But hold your head black or I'll never rap again  
Just when I thought I was out, they pulled me back in

Now that was two years ago and if cats start  
interfering'  
Then I'ma go back to the gat and racketeerin'  
My sabotage is camouflage and espionage  
You ain't havin' Ra so don't test the God

I'm takin' all orders, I can't afford extorter's  
I hit 'em in the head with a hundred dollars in quarters  
So warn a friend, tell 'em it's on again  
If it's a freestyle bust in a park I want in

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I managed to get paid for a decade, now add three  
years on to that  
Perform with a knack, yes I was born to rap  
The mic, Lebanon Teflon don is back  
I strike with better bombs and armed to attack

So reload the van, go ahead, let 'em in  
Every tour's a war and I'm on the road again  
Surprise a town, the place it's live and loud  
We vibin' now, I go wild and dive in the crowd

Never hit the ground, they catch me and carry me  
around  
Then put me right back on stage to shut it down  
From New York to Cali, Japan and I-tali  
I'm known as the microphone Muhammad Ali

I'm worldwide, my brothers be biggin' me up  
Keep the girls occupied lovin', diggin' me what  
Ain't around, when I come to town they mad glad  
Like Saddam, they even say I'm the bomb in Baghdad

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