

## Rakim

# "Walk These Streets"

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[Tracey Horton - Intro] (Rakim)

La-da-da-dah, la-da-da-dah

La-da-da-dah, la-da-da-dah (Uh...yeah...)

(This is for the haters...keep hatin)

La-da-da-dah, la-da-da-dah

La-da-da-dah, la-da-da-dah

(It's what we call money music, right here)

(Uh, yeah, let's go in)

[Rakim - Verse 1ne]

I perform in cities, hoods, and slums, the best seller is  
drugs

And money is the only thing that get love

They say don't let it make you, but that's how they rate  
you

And the more you got, the more they hate you (That's  
okay too!)

Just don't get in the way, 'cause at the end of the day  
My agenda's make sure I get them ends to get paid  
(uh-huh)

So I'm stackin grands 'til the math expand

It's the man with the master plan

Since the Bambino, cash made my path cross with evil

Uno dos cinco on a crowded corner rollin c-lo

To chips and the chick in the casino pourin Cliquot

'Cause now I make music for the c-notes

From New York to Puerto Rico, California to Rio

Hit the streets like the kilo but I'm legal

It's swga like I walk with heat though with all my people

But it's just me and my alter ego

[Chorus: Tracey Horton]

I walk these streets, wit my mind on my plan

It's alright if you don't understand

I walk these streets, think like I got a gun in my hand

'cause hatin is the nature of man

(Sometimes I wanna, stop the cameras, just pop the  
hammer

Box the innocent bystander and his man up)

I walk these streets, think like I got a gun in my hand

It's alright if you don't understand

Just stay outta my waaaay

[Maino - Verse 2wo]

MAINOOOOO~!

Yo, one for my comrades, two for my family  
Three for the day that I run into my enemies  
We gon' make a movie, the world gon' remember me  
I survived it all dawg, what the hell you tellin me?  
I remember days when, I was young and aidin  
Cuttin class, chasin ass, couldn't pass grades and  
Chillin on the block then, listenin to Rakim  
Back of his album filled up with Killer Ben  
Supreme Magnetic and I wasn't athletic  
But I ran around with the Tre-8 Magnetic  
Money on my mind, crack vials in my Levi's  
Been a dog since I had the cream colored Filas  
(Hahahah!)

Yeah, yeah, we fly, seen it all with these eyes  
Gunplay and drugs if you put my mind on rewind  
Fast forward my life, ya boy done MADE IT!  
If I could do it over, I wouldn't CHANGED IT!

[Chorus]

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[Rakim - Verse 3hree]

(Ay, good lookin out my dude)  
Aiyyo Maino, it's the same ol' same ol'  
Don't matter if you in it for the fame or you lay low  
Haters gon' hate but, it's okay though (Keep doin what  
you ddo)  
The angle is make sure the payroll stay swoll  
Big faces, cake dough and di-nay-ros  
Rubels, yen yang, euros and pesos  
Seven digit figures, tryna make more zay-ros  
Spray holes in whoever in the way so (Stay outta my  
waaaay)  
While I count the next bundle (that's right)  
"All means necessary," Malcolm X hustle  
A threat yet humble, about to flex muscle  
Get a big amount then I'm in and out the next jungle  
'Cause every other day, I'm in another state  
It's like I cross the thin line between love and hate

But I gotta eat, gotta get another plate  
So I'm on my cake walk for the cake

[Chorus]

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Just stay outta my waaaay..  
(It's what they do..)  
Just stay outta my waaaay..

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