

Dead Poetic

"They Schools"

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Why haven't you learned anything?

Man that school shit is a joke
The same people who control the school system control
The prison system, and the whole social system
Ever since slavery, nawsayin?

[verse 1]

I went to school with some redneck crackers
Right around the time 3rd bass dropped the cactus
album
But I was readin malcolm
I changed my name in '89 cleaning parts of my brain
Like a baby nine
I took a history class serious
Front row, every day of the week, 3rd period
Fuckin with the teachers had, callin em racist
I tried to show them crackers some light, they couldn't
face it
I got my diploma from a school called rickers
Full of, teenage mothers, and drug dealin niggas
In the hallways, the popo was always present
Searchin through niggas possessions
Lookin for, dope and weapons, get your lessons
That's why my moms kept stressin
I tried to pay attention but they classes wasn't interestin
They seemed to only glorify the europeans
Claimin africans were only three-fifths a human being

Hook:

They schools can't teach us shit
My people need freedom, we tryin to get all we can get
All my high school teachers can suck my dick
Tellin me white man lies straight bullshit (echoes)
They schools ain't teachin us, what we need to know to
survive
(say what, say what)
They schools don't educate, all they teach the people is
lies

You see dog, you see how quick these motherfuckers

be to like
Be tellin niggas get a diploma so you can get a job
Knowwhatimsayin but they don't never tell you how the
job
Gonna exploit you every time knowwhatimsayin that's
why I be like
Fuck they schools!

[verse 2]
School is like a 12 step brainwash camp
They make you think if you drop out you ain't got a
chance
To advance in life, they try to make you pull your pants
up
Students fight the teachers and get took away in
handcuffs
And if that wasn't enough, then they expel y'all
Your peoples understand it but to them, you a failure
Observation and participation, my favorite teachers
When they beat us in the head with them books, it don't
reach us
Whether you breakdance or rock suede addidas
Or be in the bathroom with your clique, smokin reefer
Then you know they math class ain't important 'less you
addin up cash
In multiples, unemployment ain't rewardin
They may as well teach us extortion
You either get paid or locked up, the pricipal is like a
warden
In a four year sentence, mad niggas never finish
But that doesn't mean I couldn't be a doctor or a
dentist

Hook(first part of hook twice)

'cause for real, a mind is a terrible thing to waste
And all y'all high class niggas with y'all nose up
'cause we droppin this shit on this joint, fuck y'all
We gon speak for ourselves
Knowwhatimsayin? 'cause see the schools ain't teachin
us nothin
They ain't teachin us nothin but how to be slaves and
hardworkers
For white people to build up they shit
Make they businesses successful while it's exploitin us
Knowwhatimsayin? and they ain't teachin us nothin
related to
Solvin our own problems, knowwhatimsayin?
Aint teachin us how to get crack out the ghetto
They ain't teachin us how to stop the police from
murdering us

And brutalizing us, they ain't teachin us how to get our
rent paid
Knowhatimsayin? they ain't teachin our families how to
interact
Better with each other, knowhatimsayin? they just
teachin us
How to build they shit up, knowhatimsayin? that's why
my niggas
Got a problem with this shit, that's why niggas be
droppin out that
Shit 'cause it don't relate, you go to school the fuckin
police
Searchin you you walkin in your shit like this a military
compound
Knowhatimsayin? so school don't even relate to us
Until we have some shit where we control the fuckin
school system
Where we reflect how we gon solve our own problems
Them niggas ain't gon relate to school, shit that just
how it is
Knowhatimsayin? and I love education,
knowhatimsayin?
But if education ain't elevatin me, then you
knowhatimsayin it aint
Takin me where I need to go on some bullshit, then
fuck education
Knowhatimsayin? at least they shit, matter of fact my
nigga
This whole school system can suck my dick, beeyotch!!

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