# Thalia "Like They Used to Say"

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"Like they used to say" \*repeated in background\*

## [Common]

We dealin wit some very critical and crucial times Some of the most critical and crucial times I've ever seen

I wrote Stoney Island on my guy He was tryin me about the S-I-E experience Tried to tell him about the C-S-E experience, you know?

Yo I'm the rap profession, I go the session Study MC's like a god do lessons Mic testin in the rain, I brainstorm You feelin me out nigga? We got the same form I drop heavy in spots you scared to put your weight There's only so much ice you can skate on Shit cats right for you, you say wrong No time to debate on, who's your pop and who's not Or who shot Big and Tupac Or who this stud fuckin or how much this crew got That's hoe shit That ain't me or the type of niggas I roll wit I Cold Get Dumb, like a brother in prison Who hasn't had a chance to hold his son Sacrificin like Abe did his oldest son Tryin to hold my come, I think of raps Seen the BDP cover and I start thinkin back to

- \* "Silly Hoes" sample\* say what? "Like they used to say"
- "Kool G Rap and Polo, back again" [Kool G Rap] Yeah "Like they used to say"
- \* "Ain't No Half-Steppin" sample\* yeah "Like they used to say"

(Dig it, like they used to say) \*Biz Markie sample\* "Like they used to say"

### [Common]

I walk through triple darkness wit a childproof lighter All your homeboys'll bite us, so what's up wit that? Your producer pumped the track Told him, "Naw, I can't fuck wit that"
Nice way of sayin "Big, bring a rougher track"
My ball in my ear said "Enough of that humble rap"
Now every single you drop I'ma double that
Jigga-jigga Joe cut the record down to
My sound surround you like racism, you feel it all
around you

I go into a soundproof booth and change flows Track the strange hoes wit headwraps and Bangols Hip-hop is gettin strangled by this Puff Combs syndrome

Niggas Been Around The World actin like they never been home

I ain't hatin cuz I can only love niggas It's just outta the game, I wanna sub niggas I be dub figure rusty to adjust the in-dustry And speak up, like when my homey's musty Here we go yeah \* "Roxanne Roxanne" sample\* yeah, dig it

"Like they used to say"

"You don't want it" [T-La Rock] "Like they used to say"

"F-R-E-S-H" [Fresh 3 MC's] "Like they used to say"

"My Adidas, walk through concrete doors and broke" [Run-DMC]

"Like they used to say"

# [Common]

Yo \*repeating "zen zen zen zen" for about 20 sec.\*
"Like they used to say" 3x

### Yo yo check it

Appreciate the art that came through Puerto Ricans and Blacks

Speakin the facts, the sound is much deeper than wax Dug Inf, Luke Lumberjack I'm keepin the axe Layin on passed out nights wakin up reekin wit raps Geek like the Fat Boys ?produce the feeb? in fat In shows I get more hoes/holes than a seam in the matt Raps develop like film (so what?) so call me Instant Common

This business of pimps and hoes, I stick out like Bishop Juan

Talk to my nigga Ron about openin shops Holdin up cops, I'm from the 'Go, it don't stop Contract ain't show enough options, it's time to pop guns

It's gon' be some Shook, Lost and popped Ones Askin How Come like Wyclef, they'll be Gone before November (yeah)

Name'll be in sentences wit the word "remember" Wrote a letter to '88, let's get back, love me tender

The letter came back three days later, return to sender Damn!

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"I want it like that, I got it like that, I have it like that" [Kool Keith]

"Like they used to say"

"You gots to chill" [PMD] "Like they used to say"

"Boyz in the hood are always hard" [Eazy E] "Like they used to say"

"One for all and all" [Brand Nubian] "Like they used to sav"

"Zoom zoom zoom, zoom zoom zoom zoom" [MC E-Z]

"Like they used to say"

"I get money, money I got" [Milk-D] "Like they used to say"

"Plug one, plug two" [De La Soul] "Like they used to say"

"For all the pioneers, I'm goin way back" [Just-Ice] "Like they used to say"

"I think that's about as far back as we can go" [Just-Ice]

"Like they used to say" 3x

"Yo what happened to the beats" [Eric B.]

"Like they used to say"

PEACE!!! "Like they used to say" "Like they used to say"

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<sup>&</sup>quot;Hot damn hoe here we go again" [MC Lyte] "Like they used to say"