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"Speed law"

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Relax pump the brakes

You're speeding money

You'll smash your whole shit up [slow down]

Lights be changing fast on these streets money slow
down

[slow down] Sleeping on the wrong cats

Clear like a megaphone

Pretty nigga heart skipped the metronome

Rocked the Trump Tower to the terrordome

Poor house to pleasure domes

Soprano alto tenor to baritone

MOS DEF one of the illest that you ever known

Rock steady baby, you a stepping stone

Smash your foundation into pebbles

My words leave your nerves unsettled

You take it to the next level down

Looking like a circus clown

Cats like you can't even get a pound

Worldwide from the river to lakeside

My stage show stay live, make the sound man stage
dive

I cut fat cats to eight lives with my eight ball lines

I'm home 'fore I'm done with all nine

Got you shook like a fault line

Come all shine and get tarnished

Brooklyn got your pay roll garnished

They form a huddle

Whisper like they want trouble

I melt the ice grills into rainwater puddles

Make the proud-hearted leave on the humble

Black steel in the hour

Assemble my skill form my power

My poems crush bones into powder

You mumble like a coward

I'm Mos Def, you need to speak louder

SUPER HEREOS!

Get your power, your masks and capes snatched

Brooklyn take what you can't take back

I know a lot of cats hate that

All I can say black
There's a city full of walls you can post complaints at
All the doubters and believers adjust your receivers
"I feel it," you can taste it through the speakers
The three six oh-riginal sketch lyrics so visual
They rent my rhyme books at your nearest home video

Tell them cats they need to sit back and observe where
they at
Brook-nahm Vietnam
The heat is on
Put your joint on cruise
Try to rush you scuff your brake shoes, just cool and
relax
Take a breath, take ten paces back
Stay on time Omegas
Brooklyn patrol like interstaters
Take their license and their registration papers

My joint's so passionate
Make you peel out and mash your shit
Get wild cold crash your whip
Front chassis wrecked, but ock you can't be too upset
Tow truck got my tape in the deck
I'm permanent like tattoos and birth marks
Third degree burn marks
Driving on tracks like Dale Earnheart
Stay on the low like the earth spot
Put a big loss on your earn chart
Nice since the nurse signed my birth chart
Seldom seen but often heard, while your jams is barely
heard
Just my name is a daily word
>From avenues to streets, terraces and park places
Stair wells, jail cells, penthouse to basements
Arrangement basic, but still fans chase it
Y2K can't delete the true ancient
Apache war drum on the ranges
Skill level dangerous
Arrow head that killed all the cavemen
They cry John-Blazing, but step on the pavement
And get violated like a plaintiff
I ain't shit to play with
I give a Goddamn what your name is
Delete it and make it so it never get repeated
Believe it
Tell the feds, tell your girl, tell your mother
Conference call you wack crew and tell each other
That they just ain't holding me
I'm Mos Def, your hopefully
Mush off or you get bust off like a ovary

Tell them cats they need to ease back and observe
where they at
Brook-nahm Vietnam
The heat is on
Put your joint on cruise
In a rush you scuff your brake shoes, just cool and
relax
Take a breath, take ten paces back
Brook-nahm Vietnam
The heat is on, no off-ramp or detour
Make these gassed up jokers observe the speed law
Make these gassed up clowns observe the speed law
Make these gassed up clowns observe the speed law
Cause they speedin, speedin, speedin, speedin,
speedin,
speedin, speedin, speedin, speedin, speedin,
speedin, speedin, speedin, speedin, speedin
Relax
Slow down, you better chill money
Lights be changing fast on these streets dude
Smash your whole shit up
You better cool out money
It ain't like that out here
Look at these cats man, it's funny man
He probably just got that car
About to fuck your whole shit up
Speed laws out here money
Knight riding cats
In control like interstaters, state-ahs, state-ahs,
state-ahs, state-ahs, state-ahs, state-ahs, state-ahs,
state-ahs, state-ahs, state-ahs, state-ahs, state-ahs,
Stay the.. FUCK off the road, money!!

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