

## Esau "Underground"

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All these kids today screaming underground, do they  
know what it means

To make 7 albums, work everyday and go hungry just  
to chase your dreams

To be #1 in Gavin, CMJ, Impact and BRE

Then have to beg a promoter to open up for Run-D.M.C.

Nah, I don't think so, my shit's fat too, so is his

But is there room for all of us in the shady rap biz

Put your 12's out yourself, push it, beg the pd

to play it and chart it, then maybe some kids will hear  
of you in NYC

Or LA, or college in Tennessee or maybe it'll reach  
overseas

To Italy and maybe even to the heads in the military

If you're lucky, you're website will get 10 hits a day

and Pizzo will sell your stuff online the hiphopsite.com  
way

Even them cats at footwork will rock it or play da record  
in t dot

Mr Bongo in London or all the HMV's in Oz

But until then keep posting up at Davy D and rhyming  
over others beats

Until you get the knowledge kid, you won't know what  
underground means

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You ain't underground cause you're white, or just  
cause you're black

You ain't underground cause you recorded your album  
on a 4 track

You ain't underground cause your beats are wack, or  
even if they're fat

You ain't underground simply cause your shit is  
abstract

You ain't underground cause you don't cypher,  
you ain't underground cause you do

You ain't underground cause you can freestyle and roll  
with a tight crew

You ain't underground with no airplay

You ain't underground with MTV play

You ain't underground cause 4 kids bump your shit out  
in Tampa Bay  
You ain't underground cause you don't buy mixtapes  
You ain't underground cause you do  
You ain't underground cause you own every tape by  
Touch and Clue  
You ain't underground cause you're on the net  
You ain't underground when you dub cassettes  
You ain't underground cause you buy vinyl to rock on  
your 1200 set  
You ain't underground cause you post lyrics  
You ain't underground cause you dis them  
You ain't underground cause you hate EPMD or even if  
you missed them  
You ain't underground cause you're unknown  
You ain't underground if you're unsigned  
You ain't underground cause you analyze lyrics in  
Company Flow rhymes  
You ain't underground cause you like Sugarhill  
You ain't underground cause you keep it real  
You ain't underground cause you do or do not deal  
You ain't underground cause you use big words  
You ain't underground if you don't curse  
You ain't underground cause you get creative with your  
adverbs  
You ain't underground cause you use metaphors, or if  
you bore  
You ain't underground cause you don't have product in  
any major stores  
You ain't underground, yeah I said it  
You ain't underground, don't forget it  
You ain't underground because your wack ass CD ain't  
selling

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