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## **Mos Def** "Breakdown"

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Yo, good evening ladies and gents, close and distant fam Let me break it down for y'all exactly who I am (CAV) That brotha straight off of Myrtle Ave That dude that make the other dude say that's my man (CAV)

It ain't nuttin' I want I can't have The haters know it's real and that's why they mad They struggle so hard while I just lay back They sound under pressure, sweaty and straight wack

I rock like this because I ain't that (CAV) Tell the players I'm taking the game back Matta fact tell the coaches, the GMs, and owners Shut down the stadiums, it's ova

I make the cat's in the back draw closer Get the comp choked up like white folks on Oprah Yeah, you dope, but is more doper (CAV) Mo skill, mo style than mo folkas

I hit the lab with good shit to smoke up And tell the sound man where I wanna go from Blow up, skit sheet across the notepad School 'em all from the drop out to post grads

What history book you do or don't have There's only two eras of rap, pre and post (CAV) Now you know that, stop the train There's no place for the game left to go at (Break)

CAV is my name but you can call me (CAV) It's all the same abbreviated or whole Shout it out so it don't be a secret to folk it go

(CAV)

Short for Cavee but I'm not from Cali I'm from the rotten apple, dirty streets and alleys Bed-Stuy Brooklyn doin' it exactly, get at me

Holla, like Missy and Ja Rule Ain't a crowd in the world that CAV cannot move Hot dude, cats was thinkin' it's not true But come front row at show, I got proof

I went from sellin' candy in junior high school To servin' spoony g for the fiends, to gnaw to Got sent upstate on bus (Not cool)

In the yard thinkin' damn should've listen to ma duke Come home in 99, what the fuck I'm gonna do I won't move bundles, I got a new hustle I quit pie baking, started rhyme makin'

Buildin' up my rep to be one of the five greatest And I ain't saying CAV the best nigga out there But until he appear, I'm sittin' in his chair And I'ma need a few moments just to get in y'all ear

To make you forget the Duke was eva even here I got two words for the world, be prepared I got three words for your girl, don't be scared And when they ask where the real hip-hop, it's ova here

And when they ask where Brooklyn at, hold ya ear It's like yeah, Chris Antione Vashon Capricorn hit 'em off with the classic bong and then I'm gone Ridin' back to Brook-Lan, boye

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