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Mos Def "Life is Real"

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[Intro + shout outs] Boogie man, boogie man, boogie man BOOGIE MAN! (Hello children!) My whole life is real My life [4X] A-ha, Brooklyn you know My life [4X], it's a real thang

[Mos Def]

Listen

My whole life is real, morning news and nights is real What I spit and I write is real, cuz my life is real My own life is ILL!! filled with magic's strife to scale Sun bright, no time to chill, got all type of bills I got seeds I gotta feed with this They be need in shit, I got ex-wife beef and shit That's how deep it get

My whole life is real, my whole life is ill

A fantastic, a beautiful mess And life nigga in America: the usual stress

I do it to the up, low, the east and the west, I

Do it to most, I do it to death

I do so it good they don't know what to do with

theyselves

Well do this: MOVE! Back, forward, mo'

Life is real, let's move on

[Hook] My whole life is real, morning news and nights is real What I spit and I write is real, cuz my life is ILL Filled with magic's strife to scale Sun bright, no time to chill Got all type of bills I got seeds I gotta feed with this I got streets I gotta reach with this That's how deep it get [Mos Def]

My whole life is ill, my whole life is real

Mornings, noon's, nights

Birthdays, workdays, holidays, funerals. the usual

Life is real!

Sunday to Monday, school, your gunplay, politics,

bullshit

Life is real!

Shootings, stabbing, free tray, arrest

crush, kill, destroy, cheques

Death. rebirth

Reach the world but touch the street first

Life goin in every direction but rewind

Niggaz is waiting for the light to dive down

On a park a hustler plays the hide out

Somebody's gotta notice it's a matter of time before

the world fine out

The earth dry out and push the hintin to high

ground, life style--Hostile

Real, life real real

So real, too real, news real--edited

The close up block out the rest of it

True evident, false measurement

Crunk superstar, thug president

Tricks allegiance, M-def payment ship

Scribe lively, so timely, that is timeless

And is lovely, and is ugly, as it must be

[Hook]

[Outro]

My whole life is real, ha-haa!

Brooklyn know

My life my [4X]

B.X. know

My life my [4X]

Real niggaz all over the world

My life my [4X], it's a real thang

whoooo!

Boogie man!

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