

## Kendrick Lamar

### "Little Johnny"

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Uh, yeah  
Kendrick Lamar, uh

Yeah I can reconcile being depressed real bad  
I'm a thinker, not a drinker, but still I Hennessy drag  
Alcohol numbs the pain like when novocaine stabs  
In your arteries, pardon me but my city go mad  
Via Compton California, corners with coroners and  
karma on 'em  
Colors corresponding to gangs upon us  
Common corrupted Crip and Pirus cripple the city  
Triple the crime, Bible nor the Qur'an can save  
Welcome, don't be afraid, your city similar right?  
Where the choppers kidnap the night and police silence  
your rights  
Stare at the sky, wonder will you live to see twenty-five?  
I'm twenty-two, at twenty I knew I was against the odds  
This kid named Jonathan was monitoring  
His momma and sister, his older cousin, he honored  
him  
Anonymous bodies on his burner was astonishing  
To Johnny, he might have been a modern day rider  
then  
He walking outside again, he see the lifestyle of an  
active member  
Pull out a MAC-11, now his eyes is big  
Fascinated by mayhem, what's his cousin to say now?  
He wanna be from the hood that he's from and that's  
one  
More gangster under the family tree, took 'em under  
his (wings) like KFC  
Crip crazy, rocking matching T-shirts that says "the  
hood made me"  
No love, just spread slugs, that's the policy, the leader  
and the prodigy  
Now shorty doo-wop, holding a oowop, hanging with  
rah-rahs  
With blah-blahs that sit on the block catching fades and  
licks  
Going on missions with lunatics, a ninth-grade menace  
Thugging for six months, smoking like six blunts an

hour

The power of banging, he was walking from...

Little Johnny

"I think you'll find, sir, that there will come a time  
When black people wake up and become intellectually  
independent enough to  
Think for themselves  
As other humans are intellectually independent enough  
to think for  
Themselves  
Then the black man will think like a black man and he  
will feel for other  
Black people  
And this new thinking and feeling will cause black  
people to stick together  
And then at that point you'll have a situation  
Where when you attack one black man, you are  
attacking all black men  
And this type of black thinking will cause all black  
people to stick  
Together  
And this type of thinking also will bring an end  
To the brutality inflicted upon black people by (black  
people)  
And it is the only thing that will bring an end to it  
No federal court, state court or city court will bring an  
end to it  
It's something that the black man has to bring an end  
to"

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