

## Childish Gambino "Hold You Down"

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[hook]

ooh, i want it, yeah  
whenever you need my help  
i'll hold you down, oh  
ooh, you want it, yeah  
motherfuck these niggas  
tryin' to hold me down, oh  
yeah, uh  
why in the fuck these niggas try and hold me down,  
ohh

[verse 1]

you such a fuckin' lame  
it's what they used to yell back in seventh grade  
my momma said she'd get me that new jacket when  
the cost go down  
hit the office, stole some tommy hill from lost and  
found  
not bad for a family of foster child  
lookin' fly man, i'm flossin' now  
but them niggas saw through me  
are you serious? what is this?  
took the jacket off third period, ellipsis  
listening to "sky is the limit" on my walkman  
thinking if biggie can make it through it, man then i can  
dope-boy swag  
i always wanted that  
but my persona was always more of that arthur ash  
but no love for the son of a commuter  
who was a radio head and okay at them computers  
at the post office  
it's funny how you smoke niggas then you start coffins  
all my people need throat lozenge  
my fear is dead  
ambition drove the hearse  
but niggas got my feelin' i ain't black enough to go to  
church  
culture shock at barber shops cause i ain't hood  
enough  
we all look the same to the cops, ain't that good  
enough?  
the black experience is blackened serious

cause being black, my experience, is no one hearin' us  
white kids get to wear whatever hat they want  
when it comes to black kids one size fits all

[hook]

[break]

we the baddest nigga, we the baddest nigga  
you hear me?  
we the baddest nigga, we the baddest nigga  
we the baddest nigga, we the baddest

[verse 2]

the reason that they say i'm nothin' what they seen or  
heard's  
the same reason will smith always opposite latino girls  
they only see you how they wanna see you  
'til you make them see you in some other way  
i'm trippin' off the other day  
cause god knows what these white kids sayin'  
dude you're not not racist cause the wire's in your  
netflix cue  
subtle racism  
it's hard to pin it cause you'd only understand  
if you were me for just a minute  
this one kid said somethin' that was really bad  
he said i wasn't really black because i had a dad  
i think that's kinda sad  
mostly cause a lot of black kids think they should agree  
with that  
if you're a father, you should stick around if you could  
cause even if you're bad at it, you get tiger woods  
mj  
we warriors, we all need senseis  
change everything that we've done so far  
i don't mean makin' b.e.t. t.e.r  
i mean just the way that we see each other  
i won't stop until they say, "james franco is the white  
donald glover"  
yeah, these niggas wanted cookie but instead i gave  
'em loch ness  
sick boi for life, my swag is in a hospice  
aimin' for the throne, jay and ye said to watch that  
they ask me what i'm doin', i say i'm stealin' rock back  
nigga

[hook x2]

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