

Macklemore

"White Privledge"

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and nod your head we'll go
I see so many people lost
who really try to pretend
just another white boy
who's caught on to the trend
when i take a step to the mic
as hip hop closer to the end
cause when i go to shows
the majority have white skin
they marketed the window
that air flaring head spin
and white rappers albums really get the most spins
the face of hip hop
has changed a lot since eminem
and if he's taken away
black artists profits look just like him
claimed a culture that wasn't mine
the way of the American
hip hop is gentrified in where all the people live
its like the central district beacon hill to the south end
being pushed further away
because of what white people did
now wheres my place in the music thats been taken by
my race
cultural appropriated by the white face
and we dont want to admit this is existence
still scared to acknowledge the benefits of our white
privilege
cuz its human nature to think different
especially when your ancestors are European christians
and most whites don't want to acknowledge
this is occurring
cause we got the best deal
the music without the burden
be a black in the system
that really wants you to rock
cause all you need is a program
and you can go and make hip hop
and we hate the mainstream
cuz we're the ones that took it
now we listen to ASOP rock

and wear T-shirts that say "Brooklyn"
but it's not about black and white right?
I mean good music is good music
regardless of what you look like
but when you dont give em props
ins't that selfish?
thats like saying rock was actually started by Elvis
so where does this leave me
I feel like I've paid dues
but I'll always be a white MC
I give everything that I have
when I write a rhyme
but that doesn't change the fact that this culture is not
mine
but im gonna be me
so please be who you are
this is something thats effortless
and it shouldn't be hard
i said I'm gonna be me
so please be who you are
but we still owe 40 acres
no we've stolen their 16 bars
hip hop started off on a block that I've never been to
to counteract a struggle that I've never even been
through
If i think I understand
It's because I flow too
that means I'm not keeping it true, no
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Im not keeping it true
and I don't rap about guns
people label me cautious
but i dont rap about guns
because I wasn't forced into the projects
see i was put in a position
to choose my options
blessed with a privledge that my parents could send
me to college
now who's goin to shows
the kids on the block starvin
or the white people with dough
that can relate to my content
marketed the music
now adapted to the lifestyle
what happened to jazz and rock & roll
is happening right now

wheres my place in a music thats been taken by the
media
with white corporations controlling what their feeding
ya
i brought up aesop rock
but im not even dissin dude
if you love hip hop
what do you think that Caucasians are listening to?
and i speak freely when I write this
for black MC examine race
there goes half their fan base
white kids and this is so true
and we didn't even have to fight the system
we just went and picked up the microphone too
and we got good at it
so we should be rappin
but only supporting them is not ... clapton
now clapton is credible but no jimi no foundation
so here comes history and the culture of propriation
white kids with du rags
trying to practice their accents
from the suburbs to the upper class
mastering a language
but hip hops not just memorizing words
its rooted in authenticity
something you literally can't learn
but I'm gonna be me
so please be who you are
its something thats effortless
and it shouldn't be hard
I'm gonna be me
so please be who you are
but as I'm blessed with the privilege
there still left with the scars
come on
hip hop started off on a block
that I've never been to
to counteract a struggle that I've never even been
through
If i think I understand
It's because I flow too
that means I'm not keeping it true
nope
hip hop started off on a block that I've never been to
to counteract a struggle that I've never even been
through
If i think I understand
It's because I flow too
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I'm not keeping it true

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