James Wade "Oscar Grant"

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Verse 1:

And I say, when was the last time someone ever said That you were special and you were blessed? The streets that I was raised in - you could do no harm, Be unarmed - and cops would shoot before they reached for tasers

You'd be good if you walked among us and speak the language

L.ove A.lways S.hines E.verytime R.emember S.mile - Lasers

But if these things'll change up - and if my teams in danger

I will act a foul - bleed black and blue - and all I'll see is strangers

Tell me what my life is worth!

Get shot or we get beat to death!

N.igga W.ith an A.ttitude - middle finger to the feds
Yea, I do this for Oakland, Cali, and Oscar Grant
It takes a Public Enemy to Fight the Power
It Takes a Nation of Millions to Hold Us Back - in fact
We hella live! - Just not on your screen
Cuz they tell us The Revolution Will Not Be Televised
But they won't tell us why

Chorus:

I'm so glad, that trouble don't last always

(So when was the last time someone ever said That you were special and you were blessed? I hope that when YOU cry somebody's there And I hope that when YOU die somebody cares)

And I'm so glad...

Verse 2:

There is just "No Country for Old Men"
Where brothers feel comfortable in their own skin
This here aint gravy nigga - cuz in my city,

If them boys need someone to harass - I'll fit the description

Where I'm from - we don't call 'em - hate when they show up

One shot makes you forget what you'd wanna be when you grow up

Resisting arrest - is what they'd call it

Another family buries a brother

Another girl grows up without a father!

It's my society! - Cops that shoot blacks as routine for notoriety

The media don't cover that!

Judge'll find 'em innocent - the system is against us Imagine being a victim but be considered the problem The product, of where I came from So even if we came up - we're seen as damn crooks! Sam Cooke until the change comes Trigger happy police - hate instead of embrace us But trouble don't last always - that's what I pray for

Chorus:

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And I'm so glad...

(News Coverage of the Oscar Grant Case)

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