

Saul Williams

"Elohim 1972"

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In 1972 my mother was rushed from a James Brown
concert
in order to give birth to me
my style is black hole
most niggas simply sound like earth to me
if hip hop were the moon i'd be the first to bleed
cyclical sacraments of self for all my peers to read
i recite the user night
??? the light for you to read by
have you floating on cloud nine without you realizing
it's my mind's sky
and the ground on which you walk is the tounge with
which i walk
i speak the seas, i root the trees of suburbia and new
york
city streets can never claim me, that's why i never
sound like you
all y'all niggas claim the streets as if paths through the
woods aint true
you better walk the path, you better do the math
cuz your screw face will only make the buddah laugh
even if you know the lessons you don't know the half
but don't take it from me
son, take a bath

i can recite the grass on the hill and memorize the
moon
i know the cloud forms of love by heart
and have brought tears to the eye of the storm
and my memory banks walk ??? forests and amazon
river banks
and i scream them into sunsets that echo in
earthquakes
shadows have been my spotlight as i monologue the
night
and dialouge with days
soliloquys of wind and breeze
applauded by sunrays

we put language in zoos to observe caged thought
and toss peanuts and p-funk at intellect

and motherfuckers think these are metaphors
i speak what i see
all words and worlds are metaphors of ME
my life was authored by the moon
footprints written in soil
the fountain pen of marshen men
novelling human toil
and yes, the soil speaks highly of me
but earth seeds root me poetry
and read forests forever through resscitation
now
maybe i'm too serious
too little here to matter
though i'm riddled with the reason of the sun
i stand up comets with the audience of lungs
this body of laughter is it with me or at me?
hue more or less
human though gender's mute
and the punchline has it's lifeline at it's root
i'm a star this life of suburbs i commute
make daily runs between the sun and earthly loot
and raise my children to the height of life and truth

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