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## Skillz ''Hip Hop Died''

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[Chorus 1] - 2X - w/ ad libs I just heard somebody say that hip hop died, a long time agoooo But that ain't sooo, that ain't sooo [Skillz - talking behind Chorus the second time] Uh, uh, aiyyo I just heard, somebody say, that hip hop died, a long time ago Uh, uh [Verse 1] Fuck hip hop! That music never mattered Who cares about it anyway? Let the niggaz have it I'm the type to extort it I give a fuck about the culture, I just like makin money off it That phrase should open your eyes It was said yesterday in a New York high-rise By a CEO, 4080 Man these record company people are shady They want me and my raps on the back of the bus Man these corporate motherfuckers don't care about us So for every B-boy and every B-girl Our music, our culture, but it's changin their world Huh, we make it and they come and steal it How you gon' deal with hip hop and never feel it? They say that it's dyin, but I don't believe it Or maybe I'm just too damn blind to see it, uh [Chorus 1] [Verse 2] Hip hop dead? Say it ain't so But I'm sure plenty people heard that phrase before Can you imagine Chuck Berry bein told That nobody will understand rock and roll? Or Billie Holiday, with a pen and a pad And somebody sayin, your music is just too sad Or the cat who gave James Brown his first advance Sayin stick to singin nigga, you don't need to dance Sometimes you got to buck back, take a stance A dream ain't a dream, if it ain't givin a chance After 20 years, yeah it's losin steam Cause I do see zombies on my TV screens Some do it for the love and some do it for the green And some know the meanin of microphone fiend It ain't the same thing Ra came in the door with If hip hop died, then you responsible for it [Chorus 1] [Verse 3] See I heard a man say he liked hip hop and rappin But he already knew what was goin to happen When you start, what you do will be so pure and true The only ones that get it, will be your people and you And after five years, you'll be doin well 'Til someone says that it's good enough to market and sell And that person's goin to tell you that what you do for fun They can promote it and sell it to everyone And after ten years, he said I'd be on tour I'd make money,

but my manager, he'd make more And after 15 years, they gon' say you through The music's changin, so you got to change up too He said after 20, I'd be poor The peeps I made the music for, they won't come to your shows no more Then he told me who he was, he said I'm (\*beep\*) And the same people destroyed the music I love [Chorus 2] - 2X I just heard somebody say that hip hop died, a long time agoooo But that ain't sooo

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