

## **Tonya Mitchell**

### **"I Want To Be Free"**

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You think oakland california is a city of punks  
It only takes a second, to pop the trunk  
And just like that you know its real  
Youre in the right damn town to get killed  
Its all about the game, and nothin else  
You come out here, you better watch yourself  
Cause you can wear what you want, even blue or red  
But cross the wrong brothers, and end up dead  
You catch a body full of bullets, and get blasted  
Tryin to be a gangsta but you just aint lastin  
This little town is gettin wild as hell  
Check the penitentiaries and all the jails  
If they could lock us all up that would be just fine  
Got my partners from oakland doin serious time  
You cant argue with the truth its hard to be black  
But its a mindgame, and you gotta deal with that  
I wake up everyday and I just cant wait  
To make no money, cause back in the days  
When I rapped, I did the same damn thing I do now  
Grab the microphone, and show you how  
But I was broke, the only thing I had was game  
I started makin money and knew things would change  
Bought a benz, thought it might earn respect  
But the opd, found it hard to accept  
I got jacked by the task and jacked by the vice  
Face down on the ground keep my hands in sight  
Put the handcuffs on backseat Im in it  
Illegal search for about thirty minutes  
Askin me, wheres the dope  
Wheres my gun, but I dont know  
I said Im rappin, they laugh like I told a joke  
And to this day they think Im sellin coke

I want to be free! (and thats the truth) ohhh yeahhh  
I want to be free! ohhh yeahhh

I be in oakland california every day of my life  
Bass so hard you think Im smokin a pipe  
And if I dont smoke it, I gots to grind  
Searched all my stuff, and all you find  
Is a pocket full of money count seven gs

Now you wanna think Im sellin keys  
Cause Im a black man, but I run my own business  
So why the police wanna send me to prison  
They see a brother makin major cash  
They knock a patch out his black ass  
And thats the truth, you cant argue you at all  
Tryin to give you ten years for a phone call  
Aint even trippin on the dank smoke  
Cause all they wanna find, is guns and coke  
In court all the time tryin to fight it  
We get rich, we get indeibted  
So whats the problem officer this time?  
Is havin big money bein black a crime?  
Or did you take me to jail, to teach me a lesson  
Charge me with somethin, or just ask questions  
About the brothers I hang around  
Whats really goin on in the oakland town  
Tell me who went broke, and who got rich  
But too \$hort baby just aint no snitch  
You say youre just doin your job  
But youre gettin on my nerves, just like bob  
Everytime I hit a corner, I see you  
Always tellin brothers what to do  
You lock me up cause I dont know how to act  
But Im down for mine so I be talkin back  
And when I do, you treat me bad as hell  
Im sick of spendin nights in jail

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Got out of jail about fo-fifteen  
Walkin down the street like a broke dopefiend  
Had a pocket full of money tryin to play the role  
Benz got towed and I was hella cold  
But I aint trippin, Im gettin used to it now  
Handcuffed your boy took me straight downtown  
For three warrants, had to catch me sooner or later  
Cause the five-ohs always tryin to jack a playa  
For no reason, wasnt doin nothin wrong  
You think Im lyin, singin that same ol song  
Well Im a black man, ridin in a benz  
How in the hell did I make these ends? here we go  
I pull over to the right  
Stop the engine keep my hands in sight  
I start cursin, cause it dont make sense  
Why would I run and try to jump a fence  
If I was plannin, a smooth getaway  
I never woulda stopped in the first place  
Youd be high speed chasin me but this time you aint  
Cause all I got on me is a big fat bank

And I hope I dont get robbed by you know who  
Make me donate some gs to the boys in blue  
And if I sue, I wont get nothin back  
But I aint mad... Im just black...

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