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"Young Black Male"

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Killing us one by one in one way or another
American will find a way to eliminate the problem
One by one, the problem is the troubles
In the black youth of the ghettos
And one by one we are being
Wiped off the face of this earth
At an extremely alarming rate

And even more alarming is the fact
That we are not fighting back
Brothers, sistas, niggas
When I say niggas it is not the nigga
We are grown to fear
It is not the nigga we say
As if it has no meaning

But to me it means
Never Ignorant Getting Goals Accomplishes, nigga
Niggas, what are we going to do?
Walk blind into a line or fight
Fight and die if we must like niggas

This is for the masses, the lower classes
The ones you left out, jobs were givin', better livin'
But we were kept out
Made to feel inferior but we're the superior
Break the chains in our brains that made us fear, yah

Pledge a allegiance to a flag that neglects us
Honor a man that who refuses to respect us
Emancipation, proclamation, please
Nigga just said that to save the nation
These are lies that we all accepted

Say no to drugs but the governments keep it
Running through our community, killing the unity
The war on drugs is a war on you and me
And yet they say this is the home of the free
But if you ask me it's all about hypocrisy
The constitution, yo, it don't apply to me
Lady Liberty, still the bitch lied to me

Steady strong nobody's gonna like what I pumpin'
But it's wrong to keeping someone from learning
something
So get up, it's time to start nation building
I'm fed up, we gotta start teaching children
That they can be all that they wanna to be
There's much more to life than just poverty

This is defiantly, ahh, words of wisdom
Amerika, Amerika, Amerika
I charge you with the crime of rape, murder and
assault
For suppressing and punishing my people

I charge you with robbery for robbing me of my history
I charge you with false imprisonment for keeping me
Trapped in the projects
And the jury finds you guilty on all accounts
And you are to serve the consequences of your evil
schemes
Prosecutor, do you have any more evidence?

Words of wisdom
They shine upon the strength of an nation
Conquer the enemy on with education
Protect thy self, reach with what you wanna do
Know thy self, teach what we been through

On with the knowledge of the place
Then no one will ever oppress this race again
No Malcolm X in my history text
Why is that?
'Cause he tried to educate and liberate all blacks

Why is Martin Luther King in my book each week?
He told blacks, if they get smacked, turn the other
cheek
I don't get it, so many questions went through my mind
I get sweated, they act as if asking questions is a crime
But forget it, one day I'm gonna prove them wrong
Now every brother had to smother on the welfare line

The American dream, though it seems it's attainable
They're pulling your sleeve, don't believe
'Cause it will strangle yah
Pulling the life of your brain, I can't explain
Beg as you can obtain from which you came

Swear that your mother is living in equality
Forgetting your brother that's living her apology
Thought they had us beat when they took our kids

But the battle ain't over till the black man sings
Words of wisdom
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Nightmare, that's what I am, America's nightmare
I am what you made me, the hate and evil that you
gave me
I shine of a reminder of what you have done to my
people
For four hundred plus years
You should be scared, you should be running
You should be trying to silence me, ha ha

But you cannot escape fate
Well, it is my turn to come
Just as you rose, you shall fall by my hands
Amerika, you reap what you sow

2pacalypse America's nightmare
Ice Cube and Da Lench Mob, America's nightmare
Above the Law, America's nightmare
Paris, America's nightmare
Public Enemy, America's nightmare
Krs-One, America's nightmare
Mutulu Shakur, America's nightmare
Geronimo Pratt, America's nightmare
Assada Shakur, America's nightmare

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