Off Topic "Prodigal Tots"

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For me music's a narcotic

Beyond the healing power of antibiotics and hypnotics

Watch me push my products

To the prodigal tots

Grow them up to methodical robots

Proud parents applaud the work ethic

Oblivious to symptoms and blind spots within them

I wasn't born this way

I grew to the man that stands before you today

With the help of countless blind eyes that were happy to oblige

Take your time with the interpretation

Lest you lose the story's message in the translation

Pay attention while I offer up the narration

See I had a band, we wrote some songs, we got along famously

But missing puzzle pieces made the puzzle wrong and incomplete

As time went on the body count was a roll-call for the victims of routine

So I jumped ship and inflated my passions and went to sea

I always wrote but I couldn't sing

Though every note danced in my brain

Every moment, the words, they came

Every moment became a day

Every day became a stepping stone

A guessing game I played alone

I stumbled and I slipped and I tripped and I fell

But oh well

All my heroes carry guns

Take this, and take this, and take this and run

Don't stop, update everyone

A basement full of idiots

Hooked on the box, smoking pot

They had a gift, they had a vision, they forgot

But I remember like it's present tense

That I've been trapped in ever since

Experienced a metamorphosis of how I rock

Another disillusioned son

Another CD pressed and spun

Another kid that wants to rap to solve his problems

claiming therapy

Claiming he's the one

Claiming all sorts of unfounded stuff he's not

Claiming a lot

Claiming he's a prodigal tot

So I shed my skin of an instrument

That I was clinging to like it was my dick

And broadened my horizons just a bit

Birth of a b-boy

I've been growing stronger ever since

And if the story's not unfolding how you like it sell the disc

Some think the faith has been replaced by an angry face

Their mistake 'cause now I recreate

Now I resurrect the pain of a blind date

Who's on time and overweight

And I see you ascending to greatness

By redefining the word to match your little resume pages

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Was turned off to hip-hop at a young age by bullies and tough guys

Who got their way by ganging up to terrorize

Then came '92 and Rage taught me to say "Fuck you!"

And once again I started rocking Everlast and Guru

The band took a new shape with my man Jake

We'd sit and write raps for hours after school while my guitar played

And gently weeped a teardrop rain shower with lightning power

We had our little hometown respect and everybody knew the repertoire

Assuming we'd break large and go far

But over time time started to weigh heavy on the mind And fill in the blanks with any clich \tilde{A} \otimes of the day, they all fit fine

Long, long story short

A long time went by and I lived my life, killed myself and died

Truth is that didn't happen, I just remember it that way Because it's how I felt inside

I was a prodigal tot

Not different than a lot of kids at that spot

Setting themselves up for the kill shot Difference is I survived the bullet Not by dodging it, but absorbing it and living through it If you don't want rehab to change you, then don't fucking do it

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