

The Show Goes On

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Have you ever had the feelin' that you was bein' had?
Don't that shit there make you mad? They treat you like a slave
Put chains all on your soul and put whips up on your back
They be lyin' through they teeth, hope you slip up off your path

I don't switch up, I just laugh, put my kicks up on they desk
Unaffected by they threats, then get busy on they ass
See, that's how that Chi-Town made me, that's how my daddy raised me
That glitterin' may not be gold, don't let nobody play me

If you are my homeboy, you'll never have to pay me
Go on and put your hands up when times is hard, you stand up
L-U-P the man, 'cause the brand that the fans trust
So even if they ban us, they'll never slow my plans up

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One in the air for the people ain't here
Two in the air for the father that's there
Three in the air for the kids in the ghetto
Four for the kids that don't wanna be there

None for the niggas tryin' to hold them back
Five in the air for the teachers not scared
To tell those kids that's livin' in the ghetto
That the niggas holdin' back that the world is theirs

Yeah, the world is yours, I was once that little boy
Terrified of the world, now I'm on a world tour
I will give up everything even start a world war
For these ghetto girls and boys, I'm rappin' 'round the world for

Africa to New York, Haiti, then I detour
Oakland out to Auckland, Gaza Strip to Detroit
Say hip hop only destroy, tell 'em look at me, boy
I hope your son don't have a gun and never be a D-boy

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So no matter what you been through, no matter what you into
No matter what you see when you look outside your window
Brown grass or green grass, picket fence or barbed wire
Never ever put them down, you just lift your arms higher

Raise 'em 'til your arms tired let 'em know you here
That you struggling, survivin', that you gon' persevere
Yeah, ain't nobody leavin', nobody goin' home
Even if they turn the lights out, the show is goin' on

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