Back in the days
It wasn't no AIDS
It wasn't no AK's
More afros than braids
Wasn't nuttin for a boy to get a straight fade
But not no mo
Niggaz done twist up the fro
Let it lock and grow
Quick to go to gunplay bout that fro
Nigga you don't know

And I'm thinkin bout when Round the time i was ten And way before the pen The worst thing i ever remember seeing Was a boy get his whole head bashed in But now they gettin blown off Whole chest torn off Whole block roped off Two clips in his house for fuckin round Runnin off at his damn mouth Yep back in the days it wadn't bout fame And it wudn't bout a name Plus it wudn't no thang To kill a nigga and do the rest of ya life in the chain gang But na shit done changed And I know it seem strange But I'm a maintain So I'm a stack my flow and say "fuck you hoes" stay the fuck out the chain gang

Some hoes no shame Other hoes play games See they'll fuck ya for the fame And when the heat is on and they cant hang Theyll give them crackers yo name Thell say it under oath And swear to tell the truth Run down what ya do How ya clown wit ya crew Along with that a list of shit like who fucked in who house Tell a ho about ya spot Where ya threw away the glock But every bitch that ya shot Every key that ya caught And every car that ya drop The ninety-seven drop tops And them Carolina trips And then they grill you the flip Time and date when ya dip Every deal you done dealt And every crib you done built With no muthafuckin guilt Back in tha days It wudn't none a this Ya couldn't pay a bitch to snitch It just goes to show that

See back in the days All pimps got paid And all hoes got slayed Alot a money got saved And every playa had it made In Dade We was slayed before then Boys was made before then Way before them Raisin poor men With no choice Way before them But na shit done changed I mean a nigga done came Ya done took our name We done peeped yall game Ya ovalooked our pain Man, and we aint tryin to be friends Ya wudn't tryin back then Had a problem with my skin Got together with ya clan And send a young poor black man Straight to the pen Ya had beef with the blacks But na the blacks got the gats So if a cracker talk slick his ass gon get whacked And you can bet that See nigga Back in the days I was young and afraid So dumb in a way I was trapped in a maze Locked up in a cage So hey