

Senegal

Akon

Yo, in case you ain't know
I go by the name of Akon and I'm from
(Africa, Africa)
Home of the Goree Islands

I'm from Senegal, West-side
(Africa, Africa)
So I'm a share with you where I'm from
And how I was comin' up
(Africa, Africa)

So what you know about the struggles
That my people went through
So you can live the way you live now?
So what you know about seeing
That brand new mother givin' away her newborn child?

So what you know about Mr. Amadou Diallo
The Senegalese cop shot down?
So what you know about
How people love to perceive us
When we come into a brand new town?

So what you know about the Goree Islands
Where all the slaves were shipped from?
So what you know about
Being born in America to avoid immigration?

Still from the ghetto, ooh, of Senegal
(Africa, Africa)
Comin' from the ghetto, ooh of Senegal
(Africa, Africa)

Comin' from the ghetto, ooh, of Senegal
(Africa, Africa)
Yes, I'm comin' from the ghetto, ooh, of Senegal
(Africa, Africa)

So what you know about Tchebou Djen
Yassa, Tcheray and Maafay, my favorite foods?
So what you know about niggas throwin' rocks
Bustin' shots at the military invadin' my hood?

So what you know about kids with automatic machines
Waiting for the war to get on that side?
So what you know about how God comes first in our lives?
Everything that we do is for Allah

So what you know about that Holy place called Touba
Where Prophets were born?
So what you know about comin' here
Gettin' money and investing it back home?

Right in the ghetto, ooo, of Senegal
(Africa, Africa)
Give it to the ghetto, ooo, of Senegal
(Africa, Africa)

Take it to the ghetto, ooo, of Senegal
(Africa, Africa)
Send it right to the ghetto, ooo, of Senegal
(Africa, Africa)

Now see that's just a little piece of how it is
(Africa, Africa)
See, but we can come together
And make it 'lot better back home
(Africa, Africa)

So don't complain about how they treat me here
Take your millions of dollars there, back to
(Africa, Africa)
We own that land, we owned those diamonds
(Africa, Africa)
We kings man, we don't take orders, we give 'em
Think about it