

## Dear Academy

Canibus

Dear Academy, take note!  
I should get, the Oscar vote  
If I don't, I'll bite your throat!  
Signing off now, quote unquote

Yo, nominated for being underrated; we made a name for ourselves  
but I guess Common was the only one that made it  
I clapped when he won his award  
Him and Black Eyed Peas and them, we was on the same tour  
And DMX too, you my dawg for life (rrrrrrrrrr)  
I feel for you, I wanna see you get yours tonight  
Mos Def you on the screen now, followin your dreams now  
Me you and Spike Lee used to sit and freestyle  
I said two words, they both got bleeped out  
If you ever need me again, just reach out  
I got poseurs that belong on posters  
Pour out all my emotions and double what the gross is  
Everybody in the box office know the flow sick  
I wanna thank Nottz, the producer that chose 'Bis  
Motherfuckers!

I wanna thank my mother, I wanna thank my brother  
For makin the film, cause all the support was very important  
From the beginning I got fans and, y'know cult members  
That never let me down from day one - I'm just inebriated to be here  
I wanna thank you all

Yo, I don't wanna bite nobody's throat, I just want smoke  
Yo pass the 'dro nigga; yo, I can't believe  
I'm sittin with Don Cheadle, Denzel and Russell Crowe man  
Dave Chappelle yo I really liked your show man  
Ice Cube, yo he in the next room man  
D12, me and them struck a pose man! (shhh, shhh be quiet)  
With Slim Shady, yo this must be a omen! (shhhhhhhh shut up)  
I think I'm 'bout to go platinum, I'M EXPLODIN! (shhh you're too loud)  
I'm a fool man, what I'm 'sposed to do man  
Red & Meth, "How High Part II" man  
Bokeem Woodbine bump me in his hood all the time  
I wanna say peace, I'm a fan of yours brah  
I seen Hov' on a hundred foot boat  
At the Cannes Film Festival with Sophie and Cope'  
And Scarlett Johansson, she was with her man friend  
"Lost in Translation," number one smash hit  
(And now, introducing, Can-I-BUSSSSSS!)

Yo, I'm in the game now, I ran "8 Miles"  
I ain't the same old nigga with the same style  
The lifestyle of Jermaine is my brainchild  
Jermaine's really like the black John Wayne (WOW)  
Or James Caan, negotiatin some rhymes for the Don  
I ain't seen my niggaz in so long (so long)  
We did a short film, "4,3,2,1"  
It was hot back then when it was new, but  
I did this other film, "Gone Til November"  
Me and Wyclef was in the trenches together  
I did a big movie with him, he put me on soundtracks  
Back then, I didn't understand the music business  
Every agent found it hard to find me

In the backwoods of Holly, rehearsin my hobby  
Shoutout to R.O.C. and State Property  
I was inside the beast, shoutout to DMP, peace

Killa Khan, Sha, Black & Deco, my nigga Star  
Nottz, what? Yeah  
Throw shots, spread out your face like Botox  
Nigga what?