

## I Remember

Coolio

When I was a kid I rode crates on a skate  
And I ate everything momma put on my plate  
Niggaz walked around packin B-B guns  
Knock on yo' door and run, just for fun  
We went to the sto' and sold bottles fo' a nickel  
to feast upon a big bag of Cheetos and a pickle  
You could get a soda foe less than quarter, and  
people used to speak even if they didn't know ya  
We fought in the streets like little black soldiers  
Shake hands, and still be friends when it was over  
We used to play tag and, hide and go seek, or  
hide and go get it if we had a few freaks, but  
now thangs changed, kids ain't the same  
They bang, and slang, and blow out brains  
I wish I could go back but, wishin is for suckers  
Life was so simple then

I remember (I remember) ohhhhhhh  
when we used to hang  
On the porch, drinkin brew  
and now they drive-by (bay-bee)  
I remember (I remember) ohhhhhhh  
when we used to play  
shoot-em-up, up and down  
but now they gang-bang (bay-bee)

Well I remember yesteryear like it was yesterday  
Runnin through the streets of Onessa P-A  
I take you through my childhood step by step  
Daddy always told me to maintain my rep though  
Daddy was a dawg he ain't raise no punks  
In the midst of the trees we learned how to thump  
At the tender age of nine momma put us on a plane  
Next stop -- the land of the insane  
Compton California where the killers grow  
Forced to live a life that I didn't know  
Wore the wrong colors cause I didn't know the facts  
Call her bitch, caught a case, caught a slug in my back  
But I adapted quickly, suckers tried to get me  
Now the fools better run cause this just driveby Billy  
Little black boy from the East  
forced to be a killer, but I can still remember

I remember (I remember) ohhhhhhh  
when we used to play  
Domino, on the porch  
but now they drive-by (bay-bee)

I remember (I remember) ohhhhhhh  
when we used to have  
Army fights, in the smog  
but now they gang-bang (bay-bee)

Back when I was a kid nigga  
We used to have this game called paperball  
(Paperball? What the fuck is that?)  
Get a piece of paper, ball that motherfucker up

and play with it! Hahahaha

I got Tha Alkaholik juice to wake ya up like a rooster  
Back when I was young, I used to be a booster  
Stealin candy from the sto', go to school, come up  
I had the whole playground, chewin all my gum up  
You know what I'm sayin? Playin still to the chest  
And I was the best, playin kickball at recess  
I play Pop Warner, golden pairs for the losers  
We used to hop corners on the fresh deuce cruisers  
Playin Galaga, Space Invaders, eatin Reese's  
I had all the women cause my tough skins had creases  
And it's been that way since day one  
Girls of the world ain't nothin but fun  
I used to watch Dr. J, come through in the clutch  
Remember New Zoo Review, and Starsky and Hutch  
I remember lunchtime, we used to rhyme out loud  
Peace to the Wop and the hip-hop crowd, I remember

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Ohhh, my life, no no  
I do remember ohhhhhhhh  
I know you do  
I remember yesterday  
I remember when we played  
I remember yesterday, aooowwwwww!  
I remember, hell, when we used to play  
in ghetto blocks through the dark  
I rememmmmmberrrrrrr  
Yeahhh yeahhh yeahh  
We used to play dominoes all night long  
dominoes all night long  
Yesterday, yesterday  
Do you remember yesterday? I remember yesterday  
You remember remember remember remember...