

# Maintain

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Aye, yo - call me a hard workin' nigga  
I shouldn't use "nigga" 'cause that's what was used against us  
But I still I abuse it and use it, look how they did us  
A lot of shit's changed, but some things installed in us  
We can't figure out - the Willie Lynch gave them the in-and-outs  
Will 'em out, look who doin' all the fuckin' killin' now  
We got that after slavery, nothin' you can say to me  
Attitude, with Malcolm X speakin' and teachin' bravery  
Violence is only needed when you feel defeated  
And parents pay attention, it ain't cool to raise a demon  
That's on lockdown, got out, now he actin' hostile  
You threw away your opportunities, nigga that's a cop out  
Not now, we can argue later - all in favor  
Raise your hands if you deserve another chance  
Fan of a fan, we sharin' the same things  
We see the bumps in the road, we smoke and we maintain

So I, play my position with persistence  
Consistent with the flow, nigga, we twistin' up the 'dro  
In this life of sin, through the highs and lows  
Trials and tribulations, you know how it go

I pray you niggas maintain  
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'Cause when shit get all bad, and you watch the game change  
Fuck the bullshit, it's time to maintain  
You gotta maintain

Two hours early, rise and shine - no ride, catchin' the bus to be on time  
No time for excuses, it's your life, you can't be stuck on stupid  
I give 'em the awkward nod like "I can't be without a job"  
Helpin' moms with the bombs, I mean the bills  
I mean, bombs is how they feel, but how I feel don't stop the deal  
See, when you go without a meal you stop takin' your plate for granted  
We was strong when we was weak, that's why I pray before I eat  
It's bittersweet when it's something you wanna keep  
And if that nigga don't wanna help, fuck it, do it by yourself  
But put in effort to better your situation  
If not for y'all then do it for the baby, the system crazy  
Where you got you a son or you a daughter  
Don't run away from your problems or your partner  
Maintain - I know it's gettin' hard, but it gets harder  
You gotta understand, that's the shit that makes you a man

Gladly - do the snazzy on my nappy  
And the razor with, education, niggas tried to clap me  
I ain't a killa, but for scrilla it gets nasty  
Pop up on the wrong night, get popped like mad acne  
It ain't no comin' home for you, homie  
It's funny, fuckin' with these rhymes over time'll turn you phony  
I see niggas makin' money, becomin' dealers  
Deal a pound of... then give the beats out 'til he did her  
It gets more realer for real  
Niggas'll take your life and won't even get life for the steal  
And if you're grilled, your grill gets Formaned  
Blow out your fronts and leave it as a warning  
For informants I feel like the doorman

Ain't kidding, can't take the heat? Get out the kitchen  
It's things for soft guys like you, like knittin' mittens  
Kissin' kittens, stitchin' snitches, whispering disses  
Wishin' you had my bitches and my riches

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