

## Perception Vs. Reality

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Perception or reality, now what's realer?  
And can I really trust that man in the mirror?  
The death-span of the human mind gets nearer  
Can't withstand time when you're raised out here  
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When you're raised out here  
Only place guaranteed is the grave out here

Raised out here, you're never really here, but out here  
Welcome to the jungle, yo, you're living in fear  
Lions, tigers and bears, hunters gather your spears  
How the hell we gonna survive for the next hundred years?  
And it's hard to stay alive when one side don't share  
Be the food or eat the shit, either way say your prayer  
And if we are what we eat then we're already deceased  
That's why my squad rolls deep in the bellies of beasts  
Posted at the deli, heli's over the streets  
The block cold heat, now I'm soaking my feet  
No, my hands ain't dirty, but as you can see  
I'm another misconception of reality  
So when the 'po drop by he ain't gotta ask me  
About the body that somebody caught last week  
I ain't finna go downtown in no backseat  
Cause perception is reality when black like me  
Perception or reality, it's more than meets the eye, I know

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And do you really base judgement 'bout what I'm hearing  
Young rich nigga, chinchilla, other [?]  
Objects in this mirror seem closer than they appear  
Everything ain't gold  
But these days I might pay up just to say it ain't so  
Gotta get it, I gotta get that dough  
Gotta get my mama in a new Range Rove  
And what you saying though?  
And yes I meant [?]

So, what's your perception when you see a big bald-headed inmate standing on stage wearing prison boots?  
Are you thinking "I wonder what that guy did?" or "look at those tattoos, he must be one of those white supremacists or a gang member."

(Black like me) Are you curious to what the reality may be?

The reality for me is...