

# They Used To Do It Out In The Park

MC Shan

The hip-hop sound went through stages  
Embark on a trip as I flip through pages  
This particular part 'bout a bridge on the Hudson  
I first got hand by the rhymes and the cuts and  
If I'm not mistaken makin two records mix  
And certain deejays had a few dope tricks  
If you asked to be on you would be their guest, y'all  
Say a few 'ho's and a 'yes yes y'all'  
They had battles of the neighborhood jocks  
And I used to take the jam right straight to the box  
Every now and then you'd hear gunshots ring  
Just duck, what the fuck, yo, it ain't no thing  
What I thought was shots was just a few pranksters  
Were pow-pow-pow men juicin the gangsters  
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This was a time MC's used to bug out  
Yo, what happened? (Yo, somebody pulled the plug out)  
Just about the time when you jumped for joy  
(Yo, you take my stage, I'ma kill you, boy)  
Answer back and gettin smacked and your friends made jokes  
(Hey, pack it up and get out of the park, folks)  
But only to the cops we made some commitment  
I was shocked when the stick-up kids took the equipment  
Say - what - is the message?  
(Love is the message)  
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In the winter time they moved the jams to the ????  
Do you think that the cold made the whole thing cease?  
I recall sein Flash one time - no, two  
Can't forget about the Queensbridge Crew  
For this is the place which I made my mark  
And those who resist or try to dis get sparked  
In the park after dark things really got cookin  
I seen the titles of idols and many chains get taken  
I seen the scatter of pack, letter for letter  
If you wasn't from the town they'd beat you down  
But these are just pieces of the ancient ways  
But the rule still applies to the rhymes nowadays  
Just wave your hands in the air  
And wave em like you just don't care  
If you used to do it out in the park  
Let me hear you say 'oh yeah!' (oh yeah!)  
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Dead dreams - still bought and sold  
I strive and I strive to receive my goal  
I'm still not happy up until this day  
But I'm chill and I don't care what nobody say  
Livin and learnin about the straight up deal  
And got by cause I went by just what I feel  
Cause I refuse to be mislead  
By puttin pipes to my lips and smoke in my head  
Think about it, much, much later  
Go to school and expand because knowledge is greater  
But she chose to lead that fate  
Eye to eye with a dick on a \$5 date  
The whole purpose of the story I told  
Was mainly to inspire you to reach your goal  
Stop walkin through life as if you were blind  
You should reach for your goal cause I'm reachin for mine  
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