

Don't Shoot

Nas

Uh, uh, don't shoot
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Am I snitching when
The police commissioner my friend
Am I a player when
Me and the mayor hang and tap in
Just a grown man tryin' to see how to change the community
'Cause all I see if mama's crying, reading eulogies
Thinkin' bout, everything her baby could'a grew to be
Speaking unity for years, but face scrutiny
He weird, one day Esco be rappin' 'bout shootin' me
Next day he say and I can he been confusin' me
Don't wet that
I advise you to mind
I don't just rap
Look around every town like a deathtrap
Out his mind, put a nine to his neck tat
And it went plat-plat, now we set back
And I'm scratchin' my head under my Mets cap
With the new Klan but wearin' jet black
I don't know how much I can stress that, where the checks at

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Pop, pop a bottle in my Nautica
Bill Russell jersey, solid and sturdy, Stevie's harmonica
In my head
With a Wilhelmina model tucked
The Benz is red, blue one that's Javi's shit
It's obvious these
Emotional rollercoaster ass niggas, please
And most of these guys are supposed to have male tendencies
I endlessly speak vengeance on mp3's
Percocet addiction that could be your E-N-D
Your mindset is your vaccine for every disease
Illness, affliction, sneeze
The pollen has got in your body's diaphragm
Chest, eye exam
The disease king's get
We see it like a MRI scan
I show you how to move when these dudes be lyin' in coupes
Flyin' the suits fire the crew full of riders, loophole finders
Don't kill the messenger
Shorty don't shoot
Look in the mirror
You got a big life ahead of you

You are your own cure for your King's Disease
You gotta look inside to cure that
You got all the answers
Imagine no man shot for the next ten years
No man killed for the next thirty years
Think about how much we will attain
And no, I do not really know the police commissioner
But shit, I'll talk to anybody about saving lives