

# First Time

Nas

First time  
Yeah, I think we gon' call this one the First Time  
Brucie B voice

First time you heard Nas  
Was you earlin' on some gut rot liquor on two-five  
Or your big brother put you on like surprise  
Hearing my hood described  
So vivid you could see it by closing your eyes  
Maybe it was the age or the letters I wrote  
When jail letters were hope  
You read the credits and you saw Large Pro  
Or some decrepit club where DJ S&S had buzz  
I stepped on the stage with imperfections  
I was messing up, or her first time  
Inside a Subaru, she just had a feud with her boo  
They drivin', he put on Barbeque and I got through to you  
A dude who I saw rockin' FUBU outside Papaya's  
Told me Halftime was timeless while Armor All'n his tires  
I was tryin' to juggle Columbia Records  
While dealin' with what the country Colombia jungles had left us  
First time you heard of Nas, I prolly was under some pressure  
Gun in the dresser while you was baggin' up in the kitchen playin' my records

Your first time was you hittin' the gas  
In the whip with some ass, you never hit and she passed  
Your real music test to know if she into the ad libs  
Real rap shit  
Yeah

First time you heard Nas  
You probably heard somebody say that I pick bad beats  
But I pick bad freaks  
Narratives they runnin' with  
The classics they comin' with  
Ain't fuckin' with what I recorded last week  
For new guys, hope this the first time you heard Nas  
It's a special moment  
A million reasons I wrote it  
My shit'll get you re-centered 'cause you can tell where my soul is  
The one I'm chosen, like Bryce and Bronny their Pop ball  
So they had to do it  
My dad did music, I had to pursue it  
And spread my wings on the helipad like Troop did  
The truth is, a similar thing had happened to me  
I listen to Wayne, I listen to G, I listen to Dre, I listen to me

Since when did rap leave me so suspended in air  
Since Kendrick entered the atmosphere, '09, I was there  
On La Cienega  
My nigga from LA said there's a nigga from Black Hippy  
I was happy to just witness history

Like the first time I heard Slick Rick  
How did you feel?  
(First time you heard Nas)

First time hearing Biggie  
I'm like, "Who's this kid? Wow"  
(First time you heard Nas)  
When I heard Pac  
That was on that song with, uh, Digital Underground like  
(First time you heard Nas)  
Yeah, that was crazy  
I really hope that this your first time

It's somethin' bout  
First time hearing your favorite artist  
Or they become to be your favorite artist after like a long time or  
Or it's instantaneous like  
I know when the first time I heard Michael Jackson, Marvin Gaye  
Diana Ross, Chaka Khan, Stevie Wonder  
Like, N.W.A., what the fuck is this shit kid?  
I was goin' crazy