

## Slow it Down

Nas

Nas like the Nazca Lines, could only be seen from up high  
Only the true understand me, but I see 'em as family  
I saw this shit when I was fourteen, I counted on it  
I was born at dawn with a powerful, poignant style they wanted  
Never dissin' for clout  
Y'all know what this about  
Niggas try to deflect from the fact people saw them fizzle out  
The people saw them try to make hit songs that went wrong  
This about the money, right? 'Cause all that shit done been gone

Just throw a nickel at the wishing well rappers  
Watch it sink to the bottom, and I wish 'em all happiness  
I'm in the cut, attention-needers need to front  
See 'em front, the world watchin' them shine, that's all they want  
And I always get my cut, imagine that making you mad  
I'm just a real version, they don't make 'em like that  
Never had to get the youth to relate for the bag  
And since they smarter than us, they know Nas was once they age

Made they pay grade, the youngster phase  
Same mistakes, the time have changed  
Tryin' not to touch the cage, but touch interior  
In the front is the trunk, that's the custom carrier  
Let's play a game, I hand you a king of diamonds  
The hand is faster than the eye, check in your pocket  
I snap my fingers, I'm up in smoke like The Chronic  
Disappear, reappear, right in front of your optics

Let's slow it down  
Was I moving too fast for you?  
Let's slow it down, then  
If you gotta slow it down, I won't laugh at you  
Let's slow it down  
Slow it down  
Might be moving too fast for you  
Was I moving too fast for them? Slow it down  
Let's slow it down

Upon closer inspection, they really are non-threatening, I bomb first and I stretch it  
Instigators causing these problems, that's why I question everything and everybody that's aiming in this direction  
That's why I sound like I been spending time in spa  
Thinking 'bout the days I first heard I became a star  
Words from my A&R, I'm noticin' that they notice me  
Gun and a mean mug and was slow to speak  
Now I hold meetings over cold sake and kobe beef  
Hockey jersey, a hoodie underneath  
Set up the trust, appoint the trustee  
Corporations is the modern day custees  
My flow is the hard substance, mastered at Bernie Grundman  
The stovetop and oven, my company going public  
I see the puppets, they movin' like they the judges  
But Nas in all the subjects, it's hard for you to catch up with

Let's slow it down  
Was I moving too fast for you?

Let's slow it down, then  
If you gotta slow it down, I won't laugh at you  
Let's slow it down  
Slow it down  
Might be moving too fast for you  
Was I moving too fast for them? Slow it down  
Let's slow it down

I might be movin' at lightspeed  
I landed icy in Iceland to sightsee  
This long mink on me pricey  
I might perm up my shit like I'm Ice-T  
American Pimp I'm on time and  
Only thing that I pimp is this rhymin'  
I made that work for me back since the 90's  
That's the daily affirmations to remind me

I might be movin' at lightspeed  
To do what I'm doin's unlikely  
This new urgency's perfectly hurtin' 'em  
Send these suckers to emergency nightly

S-slow it down