

# The Needle

Tech N9ne

I once said in a cypher of famous friends back in 2011  
"Who do I catch?"  
Outside of technicians' tunneled Tech vision  
At a point in time when dope is the new whack  
So it's safe to say we're in Bonnie says Cheadle  
On the outskirts of our army, we scare people  
But it's not for evil, up with hawks and eagles  
But I'm lost and feeble wondering if this restarts the needle  
Look around, do you spot Tech  
In front of seventy thousand at RockFest  
By the way he won the crowd does he got next  
To infect the mainstream or sell a lot less  
God bless my core fans still around  
We're here 'cause you held us down  
Love the way that you love my sounds  
But I'm still try'na break new ground

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Yes doing this for, yes doing this for, yes doing this for profit  
And my pocket's one dimension  
I wanna reach so many hearts and souls is my intention  
Since 2001 is when I started my ascension  
But in 2015 I went up just to get honorable mention  
Makes me wanna end it, I get so offended  
When they speak of genre breaking but no N9ne is ended  
Or friended I'm winded, my music's intrinsic  
But it's kinda looking like the needle ain't moving even when I did a killer  
with Kendrick  
Jimmy Kimmel was splendid, formally an attendant  
But when we were done it's like not one of them were mended  
Maybe it's my image and large amount of grimness  
My pen spits on them scripts  
Thinking I'm on a sin trip and then skit  
Rock on the range we had 'em flocking for Strange  
But it was a shocker when no rockers remained  
When it came to the game where they claimed  
Fame could get you big as the Beatles  
Yeah we got it this far but I really wanna push that needle

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Pardon me Lucas  
I was blessed to do a song with Marshall Mathers  
I was thinking when the emcees hear this they hearts will shatter  
'Cause the art's so radder than babblers with partial chatter  
But the garble swagger actors win it all, but this?

Not a chart no latter, dark so daggered  
Why do nigga artists do this with me?  
Man it make me feel so good when they all really do skip the fee  
Slipknot, System Of A Down, Deftones, Doors got a few hits with T  
But the one thing that makes me wanna say screw this and flee  
Man I did it all this when music is free

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Now they gonna say "poor N9ne, please you're fine  
'Cause you made it to the Forbes List 'bout at least four times"  
But since I wrote my first rhyme it's been war time  
To get the masses to see this talent deserves more shine  
So this year I sat at my very first Grammys  
Me and my partner Travis watching my peers go hammy  
I thought about all the awards these folks should hand me  
Man I swear I'd disappear if it wasn't for fans and family