

# Locked & Loaded

Vince Staples

I never needed nobody to believe in  
I seen 'em change like the seasons  
R.I.P., you just a candle on the cement  
Once you leave so I've be trying to live forever, dawg  
I got a .25 Beretta in my mama car  
Same one my brother used, same one my father bought  
Everybody telling when they go to court  
I'm feeling like they don't make niggas like me no more  
I still got slaves hanging from my family tree  
The young still gangbangin like we WC  
And Mac 10, Mac 10's sit up under the fleece  
Because the powers that be insist on fucking with me  
Since back when there was white men under them sheets  
Riding horseback, walking on the backs of the free  
You see we in it to survive, what the fuck did you think?  
At the blink of an eye niggas could die in these streets

My life a movie, hope you liking the show  
They act, we shooting, just a part of the role  
The road to riches wasn't made for niggas this low  
I pray for blessings, grab my weapon when I walk out the do'  
Lock and load and I'm ready to go  
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When I'm ready to go, when I'm ready to go

Aye, tell these niggas let the black man shine  
This little light of mine, a nine I hide inside of my drawers  
Ain't nothing Aunt Jemima, aye lil mama ain't I a star?  
I only pray when asking Allah how we made it this far  
But still I'm all about the dollar, pass the offering jar  
The thoughts of niggas on the bottom what I offer to y'all  
We from the slaveship, all my niggas ride for the cause  
We on the same shit, tryna survive all the laws  
Because they ain't shit, won't take shit but the charge  
Because we can't snitch, know you niggas heard it before  
The child was murdered before, he had a chance to mature  
And bet the one they didn't ever see outside of the bars  
We the pride of Raymond Washington, they washing us all  
Them baggy True's fit just like them county blues  
Mac 10 match well with my black skin  
Little black boy shooting up the avenue

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