

## In Case

Young MC

Yeah, young man movin'  
Stimulus in the house  
P-Mac in the house  
E-Lab in the house  
Young MC in the house  
Lettin' ya'll know what's goin' on just in case. Check me  
(In case you weren't around for the microphone check  
Listen to the young man move and catch wreck)

For 2/3 of my life, yo I've been a cold rhymer  
Name: Young. Feel young. Not an old timer  
Rocked from North London to North Carolina  
Love to write lyrics on a jet airliner  
So I'm a tell you about a rapper I met  
Got a deal. Kept it real and his mind was set  
Sayin' he don't give a damn what the radio say  
Cause he don't care about radio play  
Now I remember when it pleased MC's to lace MD's and PD's  
With CD's, when most of ya'll was at home eatin' your Wheaties  
And we'd be prayin' that we got some spins  
Cause if they played it one time, then they'd play it again  
See it's quite absurd. All the spite you heard  
And "controversial" like "commercial" is a four letter word  
Cause you can't chase paper with no paper to chase  
So let me kick a little knowledge to you just in case

In case you weren't here when it got put down  
In case you weren't aware how they made the sound  
In case you weren't there when they blazed the town  
Before there was commercial or an underground  
In case you didn't hear how the words connect  
In case it wasn't clear how they earned respect  
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I got a whole different take on keepin' it real  
Back in the day we'd parlay for the mass appeal  
Your track was two records on the wheels of steel  
And only Flash and Jimmy Spicer had the big time deals  
I remember Frankie Crocker playing Rappers Delight  
Cause in the winter time you only heard the rappin' at night  
Block parties needed power so you'd tap in a light  
But then it broke up when somebody pulled a strap in a fight  
I tell you what, this is more than just a history lesson  
And I ain't hatin' on you son, matter of fact I give you my blessin'  
But when you brag about cheese, if you were truly confessin'  
You would find more cheddar in a delicatessen. (yeah)  
Now young kids watching you. They're thinkin' it's cute  
Rented cars. Rented women. Rented video shoot  
But you can't rent dignity or rent good taste  
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See I've been destined to spit flow from the get go  
Grab this mic, hold tight and never let go  
Failure I never knew. Out on the avenue  
Fought hard times and bust rhymes for my revenue  
Sell a couple records and the haters come out  
They don't know me so I don't know what the hate is about  
From growin' up in Hollis, to Cali makin dollars  
See me when you turn the tele on like Elian Gonzalez  
But I gotta give thanks to the pioneers  
The ones I feel lucky just to call my peers  
When I saw how they did it, man, it calmed my fears  
And that's the reason I've been rockin' on the mic for years  
From the Sugarhill Gang to the Treacherous Three  
Kurtis Blow, Fearless Four, Run DMC  
LA Dream Team, Rodney O and Joe Cooley  
NWA, Egyptian Lover and my man Ice T  
There's so many others who I did not name  
But who made a contribution, helping build this game  
So when you play your rap music, turn up the bass  
And remember how we got here just in case

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