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"Are We Free Like They Say?"

The white folks go around saying we color folks free.
Are we?
I know better.
It says we are on that long letter.
Does this make it true?
Maybe you should hear it from a black's point of view.

Ever since they sailed us across the sea,
they tricked us into believin we was always free.
We worked on their fields pickin their cotton.
Both of these things will never be forgotten.

Many years later they passed that 13th,
we all knew it wouldn give us much relief.
When the 14th passed we were protected under law.
Segregation started this showed us that one flaw.

'Man is born free; but everywhere in chains.'
They jus wouldn listen, Rousseau tried to explain.
But I believe freedom shouldn have no restrictions.
But by the ways they define it we have contradictions.
Freedom gives a person the right to live life.
With our nation in recession it feeds us strife.

Freedom will tell people no one can step in their way.
Immigrants will always be told they have the right to stay.
So are we free?
In my opinion we ain't but will be. Do you agree?
Maybe one day colors and whites will become one.
Then the definition of freedom will have to be redone.

PRAISE HIM
By
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WHY DO WE PRAISE DA RAPPERS N ACTORS
CUS LOW-KEY DEY AINT NTN BUT DA 1S DATS TRAPPIN US
IN DIS PLACE WE CALL HOME AKA EARTH
BN TAUGHT 2 STEAL, KILL, N LIE SINCE BIRTH

WHY DO WE TRY 2 B RAISED BY THE 1S ON THE STREETS
LEARNING NOT 2 STOP VIOLENCE BUT 2 MKE A HEART NOT BEAT
LEARNING 2 MKE MONEY BY TURNING OTHERS N2 MINDLESS ZOMBIES LIVIN DAT LIFE MKES U
DIRTIER N MO BLOOD SUCKIN THAN TICKS N FLEES

LADIES UNDASTND DAT MR.RITE AINT DA DUDE DAT SPIT DA BEST GME
OR THE DUDE DAT GOT ALL DA MONEY CUS SELLN DAT COCAINE
ITS DA 1 DATS SITTN UP ABOVE YOU WAITN 4 U 2 CME HME
SO STOP LOOKN N STRESSN OVA, DA LIL DUDES N JUS STAY STRNG

FELLAS STOP BLAMEN YO LIFE ON NOT HVEN A FATHER FIGURE
CUS IF U LISTEN 2 DA SERMONS DEN U STILL GOT A FATHER IF U REMEMBER
DA 1 SITTN ABOVE WAITN 4 U 2 ASK 4 HIS FATHERLY GUIDANCE
A FATHER U CAN ALWAYS LK 2 BOUT YO PRBLMS N SPEND TME WITH

WHY DO WE FEEL WE HVE 2 LVE DA GANGSTER LIFE ALL DA TIME
4 ONCE INSTEAD OF BN NASTY IMA TRY 2 HELP WIT MY RHYMES
I WANT 2 LET PPL NO DA STREETS AINT WAT U SHULD LIVE 4 N PRAISE
BUT THE 1 ABOVE US DAT LETS US LIVE N MKE IT THRU ANOTHER DAY

WHY CAIN'T WE GO 2 CHURCH ON SUNDAY LKE WE GO 2 PARTIES ON SATURDAY
WHY CANT WE READ DA HOLY SCRIPTURES LIKE WE WATCH ALL DA MOVIES WER DEY DO DA NASTY
WHY DO WE HOLD N ARE PAIN N SUFFERING N PROBLEMS N LIFE
INSTEAD OF ASKN DA 1 WE CALL FATHER 2 HELP US MKE IT THRU DA DAY N NITE

WE NEED 2 PRASIE HIM WEN ARE SO CALLED "FRNDS" LEAVE US
WE NEED 2 PRAISE HIM WEN U FEEL LKE DERS NO WER 2 GO N NO 1 2 TRUST
WE NEED 2 PRAISE HIM WEN WE JUS DNT NO WAT 2 DO
WE NEED 2 PRAISE HIM SO HE'LL HELP US 2 STOP ACTN A FOO

LET THE DEELERS DEEL N DA KILLAS KILL
LET DA SINNERS SIN 2 DA VERY END
WE DNT NEED NE 1 BY R SDE BUT HIM
DATS WHY N DA END WE SHULD JUS PRAISE HIM