

Jay-Z, Minority Report

(feat. Ne-Yo)

[Intro: News Excerpts]

The damage here along the gulf coast is catastrophic.

There's a frantic effort under way tonight to find survivors. There are an uncounted number of the dead tonight...

People are being forced to live like animals...

We are desperate...

No one says the federal government is doing a good job..

And hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of people...

No water, I fought my country for years..

We need help, we really need help..

In Baghdad, they they drop, they air drop water, food to people..why cant they do that to their own

The same idiots that can't get water into a major American city in less than three days are trying to win a war...

[Verse 1 - Jay-Z]

People was poor before the hurricane came

But the down pour poured is like when Mary J. sang

Every day it rains, so every day the pain

But ignored them, and showed em the risk was to blame

For life is a chain, cause and effected

Niggas off the chain because they affected

It's a dirty game so whatever is effective

From weed to selling kane, gotta put that in effect

Wouldn't you loot, if you didn't have the loot?

Baby needed food and you stuck on the roof

Helicopter swooped down just to get a scoop

Through his telescopic lens but he didn't scoop you

The next five days, no help ensued

They called you a refugee because you seek refuge

The commander-in-chief just flew by

Did he stop? No, he had a couple seats

Just proved jet blue he's not

Jet flew by the spot

What if he ran out of jet fuel and just dropped

hu, That woulda been something to watch

Helicopters doing fly-bys to take a couple of shots

Couple of portraits then ignored 'em

He'd be just another bush surrounded by a couple orchids

Poor kids just 'cause they were poor kids

Left 'em on they porches same old story in New Orleans

Silly rappers, because we got a couple Porches

MTV stopped by to film our fortresses

We forget the unfortunate

Sure I ponied up a mill, but I didn't give my time

So in reality I didn't give a dime, or a damn

I just put my monies in the hands of the same people that left my people stranded

Nothin' but a bandit

Left them folks abandoned

Damn, that money that we gave was just a band-aid

Can't say we better off than we was before

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[Verse 2 - Ne-Yo]

So many times I'm, covering my eyes

Peeking through my fingers

Tryin' to hide my, frustration at the way that we treat

(Seems like we don't even care)

Turn on the TV, seein' the pain

Sayin' such a shame

Then tryin' to go on with my life

Of that, I too, am guilty
(Seems like we don't even care)
So we send a lil' money, tell 'em it's alright
To be able to sleep at night
You will pay that price
While some of these folks' lost their whole life
(Seems like we don't even care)
Now it wasn't on the nightly news no more
Suddenly it didn't matter to you no more
In the end almost nothing changed
What the hell, what was that for?
(Seems like we don't even care)

[Outro: News Excerpts]

...Buses are on the way to take those people from New Orleans to Houston
...They lyin'
...People are dying at the convention center
...Their government has failed them
...George Bush doesn't care about black people