

MACKLEMORE, The Town

"First memories of Seattle Hip Hop"

"I remember the Sit 'N Spin"

"Listening to Rap Attack, listening to Nasty Nes on Rap Attack"

"Silver Shadow D, B-Mello"

"That Do the Math, just hit me in my dome"

"The Poetry Experience, that's where I really started writing"

"... was RKCNDY"

"Many ciphers, many battles, many sidewalks"

"Held underground parties in Langston Hughes Township"

Now when I say 2-0, you say

Nah, you know the rest,

This is our scene

Our music, our movement, the history lives through us

I write to the beat and let life play the guitar strings

Despite the drama, there's respect and camaraderie

Every time one of my friends is mentioned in My Philosophy

It's a rite of passage, I'm not trying to be corny

I got love for Sportn' Life, Alpha P, Massline, and Onry

Every time somebody steps out on the road

They bring a little Northwest soul with them, amen

Alright then, just so you know

I try to carry that every time that I rock a show

So, turn my sound up

Ricochet off our mountain

It's Good Medicine that Chief Sealth would've been proud of

This is our city, town pride, heart, blood, sweat, tears, I-5, North, South side, vibe, live, ride down th

And never will we stop

They tryin' to shut down the clubs that my city rocks

Now Mr. Mayor why would you enforce an ordinance?

Music it saves lives, these kids out here are supporting it

And through the art form we've learned the importance of community

Truth to the youth so they know what's up

Yup, and as a public school student

I learned from my teachers, but became through my music

Take that away, that's a vital

14 Fathoms Deep, Do the Math, Tribal

My greatest teachers: B-Self and Vita

Wordsayer was my mayor and things have changed

But I carry the torch and what I do with that flame

Is lit every time that I step on the stage

The skyline is etched in my veins

You can never put that out, no matter how hard it rains

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"Check how Seattle do"

"Coming to my side"

"I mean I like how y'all do (thank you) but we on to new—"

"Put it down for the town"

"With music"

"Making you feel the vibe"

"Check how Seattle do"

"Coming to my side"

"When my peeps know my crew bring the flame"

"Put it down for the town"

"Wearing that Seattle blue"

That's right, when you put on a show

And watch the people seat in between the creases and the doors

Hitting up Meli or sneaking in 'cause they're broke

Not leaving in between sets because of needing to smoke

The reason being whatever

The scene from Beacon to Everett

Is in need of less ego when we kick it, alright?

I get on stage, style, share my whole life
Try to reach 'em at the bar where they're drinking Miller Lite
But the kids in the front, they bring out the passion, dude
Make noise throughout the show and not only when we ask 'em to
I watch the older cats jaded in the back
Hands clasped, forgot when they weren't too cool to be a fan, damn
Hatin' at the concert
You don't remember RKCNDY, watching Heiro, or vibing out to Alkaholiks
I know it's not the same, it never will be
But my, my, my, my city's filthy
And we've been truly dope
Since Supreme was up on Broadway in the dookie rope
Mean muggin' in Sir Mix-a-lot's video
Back when Scene was rockin' house parties on the floor
JMG's, Sit N' Spin, and The Paradox
Back when Marc introduced Geo to Sabz
So much has changed here, so much has not
I was just a kid hopin' I could earn my spot
Try to get some props
Meet a promoter who'll give me a shot
To let me get up on stage and get the crowd to rock
Read a page out my notebook
What I thought would be respected, they would connect with it
Now looking over the city's the only thing that keeps me calm
Scattered thoughts jotted down by this pen in my palm
It's like my city stands still, the world looks on
If I could only capture its beauty and put it in a song

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