Nas, The cross [Chorus 2X: Nas] I carry the cross, if Virgin Mary had an abortion I'd still be carried in the chariot by stampeding horses Had to bring it back to New York I'm happy that the streets is back in New York For you rappers, I carry the cross Y'all can keep y'all weak beats, from your corny producers There's a new king of the streets, you're gonna get used to I was the old king of the streets, that y'all once hated But now I reinvented myself, and y'all all waited NAS, N.A.S. mean Niggaz Against Society Noisy I aim not silently, noose all surroundin me I hang 'em I string 'em up ain't no thing I just drop 'em to which doctor you copped and you locked and it ain't what it was I changed it up from that pop shit it's hard to see R&B rappers arguably, started fuckin up the game horribly Cause, I parted the sea, then these novices targetted me Bitches infatuated say they love me lyin to me What I've discovered is my brother's tryin to be the next me, yeah I support him but he's blinded I see jealousy he love me to death am I buggin I love him for life We both still mournin on our mother's, life And I don't need much but a Dutch, a bitch to fuck A six, a truck, some guns to bust I wish it was that simple, the last emperor, hit yo' ass with the Nasty Nas, diary, get out my path [Chorus] [Nas] I can't keep a bitch cause none of them come up for a little less I can't be too rich, too many hoes, lined up for sex I can't rest until my niggaz in houses with pretty maids Water and flowers in 'em While my niggaz walk around in they trousers grinnin Gotta keep a lot of heat; 30 cals 10 millimeters 40 cals plus the heckler, to set y'all straight You too light? I shoot your freckles out You too dark? The infrared show you what the tec about Huh? I'm stressin out, need more offices for bosses Secretaries and meetings with big sharks, who mad greedy We can sell mo', boats on the coast Give, coats to the po' and give, hope to the broke then live low

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You see a nigga who know, out of three women 2 out of 3
will love you but lead you to they own, hidden evil
BITCH! You the reason niggaz be beefin, hoe get on
'Posed to be Earth, ain't worth the pussy that you sit on
From here on, it's a new day
Million dollars ain't, what it was yesterday
Many problems, many niggaz, most involved but they fake
Hope y'all relate
[Chorus]

[Nas] I carry the cross