Public Enemy, Shut Em Down (Remix)

(feat. Pete Rock)

I testified

My mama cried

Black people died

When the other man lied

See the TV, listen to me double trouble

I overhaul and I'm comin

From the lower level

I'm takin tabs

Sho nuff stuff to grab

Like shirts it hurts

Wit a neck to wreck

Took a poll cause our soul

Took a toll

From the education

Of a TV station

But look around

Hear go the sound of the wreckin ball

Boom and Pound

When I

Shut 'em down

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What I use in the battle for the mind

I hit it hard

Like it supposed

Pullin no blows to the nose

Like Uncle L said I'm rippin up shows

Then what it is

Only 5 percent of the biz

I'm addin woes

That's how da way it goes

Then you think I rank never drank, point blank

I own loans

Suckers got me runnin from the bank

Civil liberty I can't see to pay a fee

I never saw a way to pay a sap

To read the law

Then become a victim of a lawyer

Don't know ya, never saw ya

Tape cued

Gettin me sued

Playin games wit my head

What the judge said put me in the red

Got me thinkin bout a trigger to the lead

No no

My education mind say

Suckers gonna pay

Anyway

There gonna be a day

Cause the troop they roll in

To posse up

Whole from the ground

Ready to go

Throw another round

Sick of the ride

It's suicide

For the other side of town

When I find a way to shut 'em down

[Pete Rock]

I wreck for respect

Check one hit the deck

Wit the man of the hour
Commit the soul power
For once I got to say shut 'em down on the regular
Causing mass hysteria in your area
Kicking it for my man Chuck D
Down Wit PE
On the remix
Hung on the flix
So check it before I step down
When I'm in your town
You know I got to shut em down

Who count the money In da neigborhood But we spendin money To no end lookin for a friend In a war to the core Rippin up the poor in da stores Till they get a brother Kickin down doors Then I figure I kick it bigger Look em dead in the eye And they wince Defense is pressurized They don't want it to be Another racial attack In disguise so give some money back I like Nike but wait a minite The neighborhood supports so put some Money in it Corporations owe Dey gotta give up the dough To da town or else We gotta shut 'em down