

# T.I., New National Anthem (feat. Skyler Grey)

I know radio prolly ain't gonna play this...but chopper going off in the hood man like Afghanistan or  
Yeah, we hear it so much we probably numb to it by now. After all, it's the American way right?

Home of the brave and free (It's America)  
Free just to murder me (land of the handgun)  
Land of the beautiful (home of the shotgun)  
Cursed by the hate we throw (You're dead if you ain't got one)  
Is this the new national anthem? (It was like this before I got here baby, I ain't do it)  
Is this the new national anthem? (I ain't start it, I'm just a part of it)

You say this the home of the brave I guess  
I say this the home of the K's and the vets  
All alone with the J's smoking yay cause he stressed  
On chrome with a Tek taught to spray for respect  
I learned from the best used to stay in the "jects"  
Bought work from the vets burning rubber in the vets  
This as good as it gets used to play with the rats  
Then I got older and learned stay away from the rats  
God blessed this nigga, to hustle up and make eight figures  
Turned from a goon to a great young nigga  
No complaining just doing what it take young nigga  
I was raised in a decade of hate young nigga  
Always dodging polices because they hate young niggas  
And we hate them too, 38 in him shoe  
All the changes the system will take him through  
He ain't a killer but he will if you make him do it  
Homicide he'll ride, they'll put him on trial  
Let him have a life sentence then do it with a smile  
And he only 19, he ain't even had a child  
As a child, told his mama he'll be gone for a while  
And she cried, still they just put him inside  
Now she all on her own because her other son died  
Listen to the politician as he lied and he lied  
He a snake in a suit, trying to hide in disguise

Home of the brave and free (well damn officer what did I do?)  
Free just to murder me (Naw hold up man don't shoot, I live over there)  
Land of the beautiful (a man what you doin)  
Cursed by the hate we throw (you trippin dawg)  
Is this the new national anthem (how many times has that ever happened to you, what the fuck do  
Is this the new national anthem (And you wonder why we walk around with straps)

For the stars and the stripes prison bars and the pipe  
Young nigga rolling weed in a cigar he can light  
Bang red either blue selling hard and the white  
Live by the gun, never run from a fight  
Trayvon in a hoodie, walking through the neighborhood he  
Didn't do shit to buddy, he didn't have to die did he?  
I guess it's because his dad was a judge in the city  
They didn't want him in the pen with the thugs that could get him  
A jury of his peers said all was forgiven  
But touch one of mine, right or wrong, I'ma kill them  
Fill them with the lead like they put in Martin Luther King's head  
Like they killed Malcolm X, Edgar Hoover did that  
You can catch me in the hood where they shooting niggas at  
They don't know if Neighborhood or the Hoovers did that  
Whether Piru or VL's or GDs wit me we  
Down to uprise from the OG's to peewees

Home of the brave and free (Don't get it fucked up)  
Free just to murder me (If you ain't found something you're willing to die for, you ain't fit to live)  
Land of the beautiful (To get something you've never had, you must be willing to do something you  
Cursed by the hate we throw (I'ma die by mine)  
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Let me ask you something. If the kids are the future, tell me why you can get more for being C.O., t

Home of the brave and free (message to my people)

Free just to murder me (stop waiting on folk to help you, help yourself, it starts with you)

Land of the beautiful (get yourself out, reach back, get somebody else out)

Cursed by the hate we throw (and that's the way we're going to get ahead)

Is this the new national anthem (sittin' around waiting on government to do something for us ain't n

Is this the new national anthem but don't play into their hand partner, you making it easy for em, he