

# Common, Start The Show

(feat. Kanye West)

[Chorus: Kanye West]

Now let's start the show show  
Step out of the cold cold  
We come from the 'Go, 'Go  
To the top of the globe globe  
The pimps and the hoes hoes  
The Folks and the Stones Stones  
Whoever you ride fo', we back for some mo'  
Get back to the show show, you know

[Common:]

Uhh, uhh  
Ladies and gentlemen the C-O-double-M-O-N  
Synonym for fresh, truth is the emb-lem  
Hardcore since I was next door to Clem and them  
Cold as the winter when fake niggaz was shiverin  
Shakin in they Timberlands, you was played as Bennigans  
Hot for a minute, now you just a "remember him"  
I been a "Master" since P was No Limit-in  
Stick a sayin, no gimmick and no mimickin  
Q infinitin down old blocks are bendin in  
Yellin "Fuck Tha Police" like Ren and them  
Pelican brief these niggaz on who I be  
Before the paper and the fame niggaz knew Rashid  
Noble like Dru Ali - many have come  
but few have been chose to be a true MC  
You sing along wit it, inside you knowin it's wack  
Young who? I don't need a openin act [echoes]

[Chorus]

[Common:]

Let, let, le-le-le-le-let's go  
It's a festival in hip-hop; we do it non-stop  
Pop your bottles, Chicago niggaz do it in staccato  
Choppin notes for my homies, fuck a motto  
And Farragamo shoes givin dudes the model  
Think fast, drive slow, survival is the throttle  
Your live show is hollow, shoulda kept it local  
Rappin over vocals, soundin soft as JoJo  
With twelve monkeys on stage it's hard to see who's a gorilla  
You was better as a drug dealer  
Feel the passion of this B-boy ration-al  
Half of it is what you say, and half is style  
Guess it's time for you to stop cashin now  
It's over folks, tell your guys to put the glasses down  
Masters now, verses touch the youth like a Catholic priest  
Performances keep me stackin the sheets [echoes]

[Chorus]

"And you say Chi-City, let's go Chicago!"  
[applause]  
"Yo, y'all can make more noise than that!"  
"Get live y'all, get live y'all, ah-get live y'all  
Ah-get live y'all, ay y'all can get louder than that  
Louder, LOUDER!"