

# Coolio, I Remember

When I was a kid I rolled crates on a skate  
and I ate everything mama put on my plate  
Niggas walked around packin' BB guns  
Knock on your door and run, just for fun  
We went to the store and sold bottles for a nickel  
??? bag of Cheetohs and a pickle  
You could get a soda for less than a quarter  
And people used to speak even if they didn't know ya  
We fought in the streets like little black soldiers  
Shake hands and still be friends when it was over  
We used to play tag or hide and go seek  
Or hide and go get 'em if we had a few freaks  
But now things change, kids ain't the same  
The beg and sleg and try to blow our brains  
I wish I could go back but wishin' is fo' suckas  
Life was so simple then

(Refrain)

I remember (I remember)  
Oh, when we used to hang, on the porch  
Drinkin' brew and then the drive by (baby)  
I remember (I remember)  
When we used to play shoot 'em ups,  
Up and down and the gang bang (baby)

Well I remember yester year like it was yesterday  
Runnin' through the streets of Vanessa, PA  
I'll take you through me childhood step by step  
Daddy always told me to retain my rep, though  
Daddy was a dog and he don't raise no punks  
In the midst of the trees we learned how to pump  
At the tender age of nine mama put us on a plane  
Next stop (the land of the insane)  
Compton, California where the killas grow  
Forced to live a life that I didn't know.  
Wore the wrong colors cause I didn't know the facts  
Caught a, caught a case, caught a slug in my back  
But I had time to quickly, suckas try and get me  
But now the fools be a runnin' 'cause this is Drive-By Billy  
Little black boy from the east, forced to be a killer  
But I can still remember

I remember (I remember)  
Oh, when we used to play dominos (dominos)  
On the porch and then the drive by (baby)  
I remember (I remember)  
When we used to have army fights  
In the smoke and then the gang bang (baby)

(Bridge)

Back when I was a kid  
We used to have this game called paper ball  
(Paper ball? What the fuck is that?)  
Get a piece of paper, ball that mother fucker up,  
Play with it

I got the alcoholic juice-ah to wake you up like a rooster  
Back when I was young, I used to be a booster  
Stealin' candy from the store  
Go to school, I had the whole playground  
Chewin on my gumma  
You know what I'm sayin'? Playin' steel to the chest  
And I was the best playin' kickball at recess  
I used to play pop-gun, go the Bears and make fun of losers

We used to hop corners on the fresh beef cruisers  
Playin' Galaga, Space Invaders, eatin' Reese's  
I had all the women cause my tough skin has creases.  
And its been that way since day one  
Girls of the world ain't nothin' but fun  
I used to watch Dr. J, come through with a touch  
Remember New Zoo Review and Starsky and Hutch  
I remember lunch time we used to rhyme out loud  
Peace to the whop in the hip-hop crowd  
I remember

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Oh now, now now  
I know you do  
I remember yesterday (oh I remember when we play)  
I remember yesterday, ohhhh  
I remember how, when we used to play (I remember)  
I remember when we, I remember  
(used to play dominos, all night long, dominos, all night long.)  
I remember yesterday  
Do you remember yesterday? (I remember yesterday)