

# Jay-Z, Izzo (H.O.V.A.)

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Ladies and gentlemen, put our hands together for the astonishing...  
[girls singing]  
H to the izz-O...V to the izz-A...

Welcome ladies and gentlemen to the 8th wonder of the world  
The flow o' the century...oh it's timeless...HOVE!  
Thanks for comin' out tonight  
You coulda been anywhere in the world, but you're here with me  
I appreciate that...uuunnnh...

H to the izz-O, V to the izz-A  
Fo' shizzle my nizzle used to dribble down in VA  
Was herbin' em in the home of the Terrapins  
Got it dirt cheap for them  
Plus if they was short wit' cheese I would work wit' them  
Boy and we...got rid of that dirt for them  
Wasn't born hustlers I was burpin' em  
H to the izz-O, V to the izz-A  
Fo' sheezy my neezy keep my arms so breezy  
Can't leave rap alone the game needs me  
Haters want me clapped and chromed it ain't easy  
Cops wanna knock me, D.A. wanna box me in  
But somehow, I beat them charges like Rocky  
H to the izz-O, V to the izz-A  
Not guilty, he who does not feel me is not real to me  
Therefore he doesn't exist  
So poof...vamoose son of a bitch

[CHORUS]  
H to the izz-O, V to the izz-A  
Fo' shizzle my nizzle used to dribble down in VA  
H to the izz-O, V to the izz-A  
That's the anthem get'cha damn hands up  
H to the izz-O, V to the izz-A  
Not guilty ya'll got-ta feel me  
H to the izz-O, V to the izz-A  
That's the anthem get'cha damn hands UP!

Holla at me...  
I do this for my culture  
To let 'em know what a nigga look like...when a nigga in a roaster  
Show 'em how to move in a room full 'o vultures  
Industry shady it need to be taken over  
Label owners hate me I'm raisin' the status quo up  
I'm overchargin' niggaz for what they did to the Cold Crush  
Pay us like you owe us for all the years that you hold us  
We can talk, but money talks so talk mo' bucks

[CHORUS]

Yeah...  
Hove is back, life stories told through rap  
Niggaz actin' like I sold you crack  
Like I told you sell drugs...no...  
Hove did that so hopefully you won't have to go through that  
I was raised in the pro-jects, roaches and rats  
Smokers out back, sellin' they mama's sofa  
Lookouts on the corner, focused on the ave  
Ladies in the window, focused on the kinfolk  
Me under a lamp post, why I got my hand closed?  
Cracks in my palm, watchin' the long arm o' the law  
So you know I seen it all before

I seen hoop dreams deflate like a true fiend's weight  
To try and to fail, the two things I hate  
Succeed in this rap game, the two things is great  
H to the izz-O, V to the izz-A  
What else can I say about dude, I gets bizzay

[CHORUS]

[girls singing]  
H to the izz-O, V to the izz-A... [4x to fade out]