

# Mos Def, Frontlines

dcq:

on urban terrain, i strive to maintain  
stress and strain with a whole heap of pain  
alot of fucking games that i cant seem to win  
i'm living in the land of sin  
i close my eyes and i count to ten thousand  
shit is still fucked up down at public housing  
turn in the tv just to see my man on the news  
no job but he had to pay a hundred dollar shoes  
so i get my head ready cuz i know where i'm at  
i got good sense and now i need thousand gats  
cuz times in america is all out of order  
u gotta pay just to get good drinking water  
they going bucknuts and i ain't trying to hear it  
the ??? is hear  
i stay cool in the babylon swelter  
bout to build a house with a fucking bomb shelter  
cuz it's a lot of smaller faces out here and i don't trust em  
mutherfuckers make a wrong move and imma bust em  
i'm sleeping on the floor with my nines by the door  
war ain't fair it's war  
frontline, mutherfucka

mos(talking):

u can never underestimate your enemy.  
u gotta realize there's people who wake up 6 am in the morning to jog  
running for they life cuz they don't underestimate your enemy.

ces:

shit in here's getting kinda warm  
mutherfuckas' didn't know that i had this form  
i'm spitting buckshots and u could all get dropped  
mutherfucka best i'm taking all head shot  
it's the great beat breaker brakalak jacker  
dominant g, son, it gets no blacker  
u scared bitch asses with the style u lack  
i'm having reoccurring dreams of blowing out your back  
so take that and that and that and that  
i'm as hard as it gets u can't sit where i sat  
role with an ill crew pack a big ?? juel  
i ain't the bitch steady trying to get a new hair doo(ooooo)  
look u ain't gotta like it cuz shit is real  
imma say it feel the truth must be revealed  
your eyes wide open and u still can't see  
steady smoking blunts talking bout 'i'm free'  
spend all your time sleeping with the enemy  
doing dumb shit that u seen on the tv  
can't get caught up in the hocus pocus  
times is so hopeless i gotta keep focus  
and imma do whatever it takes  
cuz shit ain't easy but that's the breaks  
times is too wil' to smile  
i'm ready to get it on, son, you know my style  
can't clam cuz i'm here for mine  
from now to 99, frontline motherfucka!

mos(talking):

theres no room for fear. we're giving these heads the respect and credit that  
they don't deserve.  
you know what i'm saying? that's why they don't respect us.  
when we start to realize who we are, then we can clearly see who they are.

mos(rapping):

originality is now a ??yummy sound bite??

everything sound ??type of trife but don't sound right??  
treading over urban terrain is a great source of pain  
but that's the path i chose so i can't complain  
if i get honory pardon me gems and jets  
i'm on a mission in a very fucking literal sense  
if heads don't understand theres no consequence  
cuz now everyones worthy to hold my confidence  
in a world so ?? i stand frontline  
could capture this motion and mad explosion  
the vision decension and mass attention  
strifiling congestion and no progression  
i try to keep on looking at the prize  
but i'm steady wiping blood out my eyes  
mr charlie could u ??pop some record mother??  
and we fucking turn around and shoot each other  
run for cover well that ain't a fucking option  
i'm coming thru head first i ain't stopping  
suckas wont speak cuz i speak on these topics  
but don't sleep i'm keeping heat like the tropics  
a full clip and my hand on my dick  
i'm like a motherfucking elephant i dont forget shit  
from megaevers down to ??  
black bodies swinging from trees outlining american hills  
talk all that racism shit if u want to  
but white man i don't trust u and i will bust you  
even if u try to act trife  
it's the M O S all loked out for life  
a hundred years ago you brought the rah rah  
now it's recycle and kumbaya  
and i ain't going out like a punk  
you say ?? you could call it what you want  
no sipping i gotta stay aware  
i'm too prepared to be stepping out scared  
brothers eyes are watching can't go out like a sucka  
mos def is sending another frontline, motherfuckas

mos(talking:

vctory is your only choice. theres no other alternative for victory.  
and the only way to vbe victorious is to understand your enemy.  
you gotta understand they're fighting to survive and we're fighting to live.  
they're fightng for something totally different and the differences are great.  
and we have to realize tat theyre times is up.  
and if they're desperate then the desperate enemy should not be hard pressed  
because has nothing to lose.  
he will take him to hell with him.  
so you either fight to win or fight to die.  
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