

# Mos Def, Life Is Real

[Intro + shout outs]

Boogie man, boogie man, boogie man  
BOOGIE MAN! (Hello children!)  
My whole life is real  
My life [4X]  
A-ha, Brooklyn you know  
My life [4X], it's a real thang

[Mos Def]

Listen  
My whole life is real, morning news and nights is real  
What I spit and I write is real, cuz my life is real  
My own life is ILL!!  
filled with magic's strife to scale  
Sun bright, no time to chill, got all type of bills  
I got seeds I gotta feed with this  
They be needin shit, I got ex-wife beef and shit  
That's how deep it get  
My whole life is real, my whole life is ill  
A fantastic, a beautiful mess  
And life nigga in America: the usual stress  
I do it to the up, low, the east and the west, I  
Do it to most, I do it to death  
I do so it good they don't know what to do with theyselves  
Well do this: MOVE!  
Back, forward, mo'  
Life is real, let's move on

[Hook]

My whole life is real, morning news and nights is real  
What I spit and I write is real, cuz my life is ILL  
Filled with magic's strife to scale  
Sun bright, no time to chill  
Got all type of bills  
I got seeds I gotta feed with this  
I got streets I gotta reach with this  
That's how deep it get

[Mos Def]

My whole life is ill, my whole life is real  
Mornings, noon's, nights  
Birthdays, workdays, holidays, funerals. the usual  
Life is real!  
Sunday to Monday, school, your gunplay, politics, bullshit  
Life is real!  
Shootings, stabbing, free tray, arrest  
crush, kill, destroy, cheques  
Death. rebirth  
Reach the world but touch the street first  
Life goin in every direction but rewind  
Niggaz is waiting for the light to dive down  
On a park a hustler plays the hide out  
Somebody's gotta notice it's a matter of time before the world fine out  
The earth dry out and push the hintin to high ground, life style--Hostile  
Real, life real real  
So real, too real, news real--edited  
The close up block out the rest of it  
True evident, false measurement  
Crunk superstar, thug president  
Tricks allegiance, M-def payment ship  
Scribe lively, so timely, that is timeless  
And is lovely, and is ugly, as it must be

[Hook]

[Outro]  
My whole life is real, ha-haa!  
Brooklyn know  
My life my [4X]  
B.X. know  
My life my [4X]  
Real niggaz all over the world  
My life my [4X], it's a real thang  
whoooo!

Boogie man!