

# Nas, Black Zombie

Uhh

[Nas]

Yo, you believe when they say we ain't shit, we can't grow?  
All we are is dope dealers, and gangstas and hoes?  
And you believe when they be tellin you lie, all on the media?  
They make the world look crazy to keep you inside?  
Why you listen when the teachers at school  
know you a young single parent out strugglin, they think you a fool  
Give your kids bad grades and put 'em in dumber classes  
Killin shorty future, I wonder how do we last it  
Underground in they casket? Ancestors turnin  
I'm learnin somethin every day, there is no Lazareth  
Words like God is Greek or Latin  
So if you study Egypt, you'll see the truth written by the masters  
My niggaz is chillin, gettin high, relaxin  
Envisionin, ownin shit, yo it can happen  
What do we own? Not enough land, not enough homes  
Not enough banks, to give a brother a loan  
What do we own? The skin on our backs, we run and we ask  
for reperations, then they hit us with tax  
And insurance if we live to be old, what about now?  
So stop bein controlled, we black zombies

[Chorus: (sung)]

Walkin talkin dead, though we think we're livin (black zombies)  
We just copy-cat, followin the system (black zombies)  
Walkin talkin dead, though we think we're livin (black zombies)  
We just copy-cat, followin the system (black zombies)

[Nas]

Aiyyo we trapped in our own brain, fuck behind bars  
We've already gone insane  
They've already gave up, cut our own heads offs  
Stab our own backs and dream too much  
without fulfillin reality; too greedy and  
can't have one or two chains, we need three of dem  
Can't have one or two guns without squeezin 'em  
on our own people and, fuck black leaders  
cause whites ain't got none leadin them, the rhythm is cosmic  
Nas is divinity, the deity's prophetless  
All get down and get up  
Victims walkin 'round with Down's Syndrome, all stuck  
Faintin, shoutin, catchin Holy Ghost in church  
Scared to do it for ourselves 'less we see somebody doin it first  
We begged, we prayed, petitioned and demonstrated  
Just to make another generation - black zombies

[Chorus]

[Nas]

You scared to be yourself, cause you in a trance  
Feel free, hear the music and dance  
If you cared what they think, why wear what they wear, just for you  
Dumb niggaz with long beards like they Arabs or Jews  
or from Israel, (?)bish'meal Allah, el-rachman, el-Rahim (?)  
Islam's a beautiful thing  
And Christian and Rastafari, helps us to bring  
peace against the darkness, which is unGodly  
So what's the black man's true religion, who should we follow?  
Use your own intuition, you are tommorrow  
[roaring] .. that's the sound of the beast  
I'm a Columbia record slave, so get paid  
Control your own destiny, you are a genius

Don't let it happen to you like it did to me, I was a black zombie

[Chorus]

[Nas]

Wake up! Black zombies in a spell for more than fo'-hundred years  
Ghetto niggaz won't have it no mo', can I get a witness?  
Why listen to somebody else tell you how to do it  
when you can do it yourself; it's all in you, do it, do it  
Do it niggaz..