

# Ohio Players, I Want To Be Free

You think Oakland California is a city of punks  
It only takes a second, to pop the trunk  
And just like that you know it's real  
You're in the right damn town to get killed  
It's all about the game, and nothin else  
You come out here, you better watch yourself  
Cause you can wear what you want, even blue or red  
But cross the wrong brothers, and end up dead  
You catch a body full of bullets, and get blasted  
Tryin to be a gangsta but you just ain't lastin  
This little town is gettin wild as hell  
Check the penitentiaries and all the jails  
If they could lock us all up that would be just fine  
Got my partners from Oakland doin serious time  
You can't argue with the truth it's hard to be black  
But it's a mindgame, and you gotta deal with that  
I wake up everyday and I just can't wait  
To make no money, cause back in the days  
when I rapped, I did the same damn thing I do now  
Grab the microphone, and show you how  
But I was broke, the only thing I had was game  
I started makin money and knew things would change  
Bought a Benz, thought it might earn respect  
But the OPD, found it hard to accept  
I got jacked by the Task and jacked by the Vice  
Face down on the ground keep my hands in sight  
Put the handcuffs on backseat I'm in it  
Illegal search for about thirty minutes  
Askin me, where's the dope  
Where's my gun, but I don't know  
I said I'm rappin, they laugh like I told a joke  
And to this day they think I'm sellin coke

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I be in Oakland California every day of my life  
bass so hard you think I'm smokin a pipe  
And if I don't smoke it, I gots to grind  
Searched all my stuff, and all you find  
is a pocket full of money count seven G's  
Now you wanna think I'm sellin keys  
Cause I'm a black man, but I run my own business  
So why the police wanna send me to prison  
They see a brother makin major cash  
They knock a patch out his black ass  
And that's the truth, you can't argue you at all  
Tryin to give you ten years for a phone call  
Ain't even trippin on the dank smoke  
Cause all they wanna find, is guns and coke  
In court all the time tryin to fight it  
We get rich, we get indeibted  
So what's the problem Officer this time?  
Is havin big money bein black a crime?  
Or did you take me to jail, to teach me a lesson  
Charge me with somethin, or just ask questions  
About the brothers I hang around  
What's really goin on in the Oakland town  
Tell me who went broke, and who got rich  
But Too \$hort baby just ain't no snitch  
You say you're just doin your job  
But you're gettin on my nerves, just like Bob  
Everytime I hit a corner, I see you  
Always tellin brothers what to do

You lock me up cause I don't know how to act  
But I'm down for mine so I be talkin back  
And when I do, you treat me bad as hell  
I'm sick of spendin nights in jail

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Got out of jail about fo'-fifteen  
Walkin down the street like a broke dopefiend  
Had a pocket full of money tryin to play the role  
Benz got towed and I was hella cold  
But I ain't trippin, I'm gettin used to it now  
Handcuffed your boy took me straight downtown  
for three warrants, had to catch me sooner or later  
Cause the five-oh's always tryin to jack a playa  
for no reason, wasn't doin nothin wrong  
You think I'm lyin, singin that same ol song  
Well I'm a black man, ridin in a Benz  
How in the hell did I make these ends? Here we go  
I pull over to the right  
Stop the engine keep my hands in sight  
I start cursin, cause it don't make sense  
Why would I run and try to jump a fence  
If I was plannin, a smooth getaway  
I never woulda stopped in the first place  
You'd be high speed chasin me but this time you ain't  
Cause all I got on me is a big fat bank  
And I hope I don't get robbed by you know who  
Make me donate some G's to the boys in blue  
And if I sue, I won't get nothin back  
But I ain't mad... I'm just black...

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