

# Keep 'em Eager To Listen

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Me and the rap's laid back  
Nonchalant and relaxed in the track  
Put together well, so it ain't hard to tell  
Easy to recognize, so my records'll sell  
On the microphone, well known with a low tone  
Show and prove when the stage show is shown  
All you hear is screams when I'm hit by the laser beams  
Ladies fiend, rappers are choosin up teams  
So who could beat up, just before we meet up  
Before I kick a rhyme, I kick my feet up  
To let you know, everything's under control  
Under surveillance, takin over your soul  
So let me handle this, gettin scandalous  
All my jams are hits, never plan to miss  
Crowd is captured, released at my permission  
Peep em, as I, keep em eager to listen

Opponents are found paralyzed from the mic down  
Left with a little sight ears still hear the sound  
Try to clear your mind but it's still there  
Give him about a year, then give him a wheelchair  
I damage and deteriorate, til your brain dead  
No huss cuss what I discuss'll bust his head  
Here's some hearin aids when your eardrums fail  
You get scars, so you could read it in braille  
Close your third eye, then I do body work  
And I keep the same procedure til somebody's hurt  
My DJ'll sew up cuts like an M.D  
And I still move crowds like an M.C  
Entertain and tear you out of your frame  
Leave you in a puddle of blood, then let it rain  
Then I get deep, so try to withstand  
On my level to think, or sink like quicksand  
He couldn't hang, so I cut the rope short  
Watchin em fall, cause they need more support  
This is the way that I done, all of my competition  
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The performance I give em is, somethin like a hypnotism  
Swingin back and forth, til you can keep the rhythm  
At the tone of my voice, you will become  
Eager to listen dance in a trance til you see the  
R on stage, no cheers, all ears  
All three of your eyes on me, so it appears  
Just like you thought it would be, but even better  
Live and direct on stage, instead of the  
Radio or video or studio rehearsin  
I'm at my best in the flesh in person  
The main attraction, center of attention  
The crowd'll go crazy, soon as I mention  
It's time to communicate, so let's conversate  
I get my point across, when you respond I make sense  
So now we could continue the mission  
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I used to always say one day  
I'll play in the NBA cause I'll slay  
Opponents well, and also excel  
As a black quarterback in the NFL  
I throw to score so I can hear the crowd roar  
Keep em, out of they seats and on the floor  
And when I win, it'll pump my adrenaline  
My record is undefeated, and I'll win again  
I'll never lose or hear boos from the audience  
Cause they participate, and applaud me since  
I bring em what they want to hear  
And they'll fill up the atmopshere  
With people that came to party, and have a good time  
So when I'm gone, I'm sure, you understood the rhyme  
Because I promise to accomplish the mission  
Cause I, keep em eager to listen