Nas

America the beautiful, gangsta's paradise

For a black man to be rich, you say we sacrifice our own family members

Like we're not savvy enough to make outstanding figures

And ain't nobody in no cult

I give so much, financially give away

But there's an aspect of that that's crippling to us today

Still coping and dealing with my environment as a kid

I trust no one today because what someone in my past did

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King, Michael Jordan gives back and you didn't know it
Like LeBron does, but it's just seldomly shown
King, get ten points from one bird doin' your thing
King, 'til one of your homies decide to sing
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And after that, it took off like fire, peace, King

Took it from a street dude, you don't need to be a street dude
Get a lawyer, read your contract, and eat food
Become a Bird, a Flack, a Lionel
When you catch flack, that mean they got they eye on you
Produce great results, they start to lie on you
Is it love for a Queens dude in Supreme shoes
Or did the street code expire with these dudes?
Especially now, I don't expect you to bow, but stand
Creating jobs, named my venture from after the land
I came from, that's unheard of
A hood that's known for murder now doing mergers
The streets is a lie, don't believe these dudes, jail or death is all you ge
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They tell you never move, but when they get money, they split

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They hardly happy for you, keep doing what you do You can't please everybody, and not everybody is you Don't try to force a square peg in a round circle, that shit'll hurt you Don't try to fit in either, you're better off with neither Few veteran speakers get medicine when you need it Especially when we all need knowledge instead of sneakers Stop hangin' on to childhood trauma, it defeats us Our challenge is holding ourselves back, I hope you felt that

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