Aiyyo, wassup wassup let's keep it real son
Count this money, yaknowhatI'msayin?
Yea yea
Aiyyo, put the Grant's over there in the safe yaknowhatI'msayin?
Yea yea
Cause we spendin these Jackson's
The Washington's go to wifey, you know how that go
I'm sayin, that's what this is all about right?
Clothes, bankrolls, and hoes yaknowhatI'msayin?
Yo then what man, what?

Visualizin the realism of life and actuality Fuck who's the baddest a person's status depends on salary And my mentality is, money orientated I'm destined to live the dream for all my peeps who never made it Cause yeah, we were beginners in the hood as five percenters But somethin must of got in us cause all of us turned to sinners Now some, restin in peace and some are sittin in San Quentin Others such as myself are tryin to carry on tradition Keepin this schwepervesent street ghetto essence inside us Cause it provides us with the proper insight to guide us Even though, we know somehow we all gotta go But as long as we leavin thievin we'll be leavin with some kind of dough So, and to that day we expire and turn to vapors Me and my capers'll be somewhere stackin plenty papers Keepin it real, packin steel, gettin high -Cause life's a bitch and then you die

Life's a bitch and then you die; that's why we get high Cause you never know when you're gonna go
Life's a bitch and then you die; that's why we puff lye
Cause you never know when you're gonna go
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I woke up early on my born day, I'm twenty years of blessing The essence of adolescent leaves my body now I'm fresh in My physical frame is celebrated cause I made it One quarter through life some God-ly like thing created Got rhymes 365 days annual plus some Load up the mic and bust one, cuss while I puffs from My skull cause it's pain in my brain vein money maintain Don't go against the grain simple and plain When I was young at this I used to do my thing hard Robbin foreigners take they wallets they jewels and rip they green cards Dipped to the projects flashin my quick cash And got my first piece of ass smokin blunts with hash Now it's all about cash in abundance, niggaz I used to run with Is rich or doin years in the hundreds I switched my motto - instead of sayin fuck tomorrow That buck that bought a bottle could've struck the lotto Once I stood on the block, loose cracks produce stacks I cooked up and cut small pieces to get my loot back

Time is Illmatic keep static like wool fabric Pack a four-matic that crack your whole cabbage

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