

# Raised To Be Lowered

Saul Williams

... To manifest your dreams before you manifest your fears  
To navigate beyond the treachery of self despair  
To find the balance between all you sense and all you see  
To find the patience and the strength it takes to let it be  
To stand amongst the crowd and have the strength to hold your own  
To throw away the pen and pad and simply be the poem  
To rise above hatred to love through seeming contradiction  
To seldom take a side and learn to compliment the friction.  
To bring about the change within that we can't live without.  
To shift and re-arrange ideals and learn to deal with doubt.  
To voice the victory and unlearn ways of self-defeat  
To learn the value of, "Yo, fuck the words just ride the beat"  
To leave the comfort zones of all you know to all you feel  
To step beyond the void and realize the unknown is real  
To re-imagine every obstacle as just means of honing craft and learn to laugh at failures funny dream

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To not allow the worshippers to take up all the space  
To dance at funerals and grieve when true love shows it's face  
To meditate upon the lesser things like hair and nails  
To find new meaning in your freedom when your freedom kills  
To walk the runway on the one day when you've lost your stride  
To show your face when you feel more inclined to run and hide  
To keep it gutter when you utter  
No, it won't stop until the ones that point their guns at get got!  
You're gonna get got!  
Let these niggas get got!  
Lying through the? -top  
You're lying on the have-not  
You're gonna get got! Get popped, get Cocked.  
Let these niggas get got. Let these niggas get got!

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(Hallelujah) All these other suckas make me sick  
Inshallah we've come this far, the past can suck my dick  
Blessed be the virgin, especially if she's nice and thick  
May your first time be full of grace, respect, and not a trick  
First communion. Sacred as the day you were conceived.

Born in sin? Nah, think again  
Repent and disbelieve  
Heaven is between your thighs  
There lies the trick  
Deceived holy blood shed once a month until you nurture seed  
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