## Jay-Z, Hard Knock Life

Take the baseline out, uh huh Jigga uh huh uh huh uh huh

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From standin on the corner, Boppin

To drivin some of the hottest cars New York has ever seen

To droppin some of the hottest verses rap has ever heard

From the dope spot, with the smoke glock

Fleein the murder scene, you know me well

From nightmares of a lonely cell, my only hell

But since when ya'll niggas know me to fail? Fuck Naw

Where all my niggas with the rubber grips, bus shots

And if you with me, ma I rub on ya tits, and what not

I'm from the school of the hard knocks, we must not

Let outsiders violate our blocks, and my plot

Let's stick up the world and split it 50-50, uh huh

Let's take the dough and stay real jiggy, uh huh

Let's sip the Cris and get pissy pissy

Flow infinitely like the memory of my nigga Biggie, baby!

You know its hell when I come through

The life and times of Shawn Carter nigga Volume 2

Ya'll niggas get ready

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I flow for those droed out

All my niggas locked in the 10 by 4 controllin the house

We live in hard knocks we don't take over we bomb blocks

Burn em down and you can have em back daddy, Id rather that

I flow for chicks wishin they ain't have to strip to pay tuition

I see you vision mama; I put my money on the long shots

All my ballers that born to clock

Now Ima be on top whether I perform or not

I went from lukewarm to hot

from Sleepin on futons and cots, to king size,

green machinse, to green 5's Ive seen pies

let the thing between my eyes analyze life's ills

Then I put it down tight real

I'm tight grill with the phony rappers, you might feel we homeys

I'm like still you don't know me, shit

I'm tight real when my situation ain't improvin

I'm tryin to murder everythin movin, Feel Me

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I don't know how to sleep, I gotta eat, stay on my toes

Got a lot of beef so logically I prey on my foes

Hustlin still inside of me and as far as progress

You be hard-pressed to find another rapper hot as me I gave you prophecy on my first joint, and ya'll lamed out

Didn't really appreciate it til the second one came out

So I stretched the game out, X'ed your name out

Put Jigga on top, and drop albums non-stop for ya nigga It's the Hard Knock Life for us It's the Hard Knock Life for us Stead of treated, we get tricked Stead of kisses, we get kicked It's the Hard Knock Life It's the Hard Knock Life for us It's the Hard Knock Life for us Stead of treated, we get tricked Stead of kisses, we get kicked It's the Hard Knock Life It's the Hard Knock Life