

# Nas, Nas-I Can

I know I can  
Be what I wanna be  
If I work hard at it  
Ill be where I wanna be

Chorus

I know I can- 2x  
Be what I wanna be- 2x  
If I work hard at it- 2x  
I'll be where I wanna be- 2x

Verse 1

Be be boys and girls listen up  
You can be anything in the world  
In god we trust  
An architect, doctor, maybe an actress  
But nothin comes easy  
It takes much practice  
Like I met a woman whos becoming a star  
She was very beautiful  
Leaving people in awe  
Singing songs later on  
But the other version  
Hung with the wrong person  
Got her strung on that heroin  
Cocaine sniffing up drugs  
All in the nose  
Could a died so young  
Now looks ugly and old  
No fun  
Cuz now when she reaches for hugs  
People hold they breathe  
Cuz she smells of corrosion and death  
Watch the company you keep  
And the crowd you bring  
Cuz they came to do drugs  
And you came to sing  
So if your gonna be the best  
Im gonna tell you how  
Put your hands in the air  
And take a bow

Chorus 4x

Verse 2

Be be boys and girls listen again  
This is for grown lookin girls  
Whos only 10  
The ones who watch videos  
And do what they see  
As cute as can be  
Up in the club with fake ID  
Careful for you meet a man with HIV  
You can host a TV  
Like Oprah Winfrey  
Whatever you decide  
Be careful some men be  
Rapists, so act your age  
Dont pretend to be  
Older than you are  
Give yourself time to grow  
You thinkin he can give you wealth  
But so young boys  
You can use a lot of help you know  
You thinkin lifes all about smokin weed  
And ice  
You dont wanna be my age  
And cant read and write

Beggin different women for a place to sleep at night  
Smart boys turn em in and do whatever they wish  
If you believe you can achieve it then say it like this  
Chorus 4x  
Verse 3  
Be be for we came to this country  
We were kings and queens  
Never porch monkeys  
There was empires in Africa, Calcush, Timbuktu  
Where every race came to get books  
To learn from black teachers  
Who taught Greeks and Romans  
Asian, Arabs and gave them gold when  
Gold was converted to money  
It all changed  
Money then became empowerment  
For Europe means  
The Persian military invaded  
They heard about the gold the teachings, and everything sacred  
Africa was almost robbed naked  
Slavery was money  
So they began making slave ships  
Egypt was the place that Alexander the Great went  
He was in shock that the mountains were black faces  
Shot up they nose to impose what basically  
Still goes on today you see  
If the truth is told  
The youth can grow  
They learn to survive  
Until they gain control  
No body says you have to be gangstas hoes  
Read more  
Learn more  
Change the globe  
Ghetto children do your thing  
Hold your head up little man  
Youre a king  
Young prisses when you get your wedding ring  
Your manll be saying  
Shes my queeeen  
Chorus 4x