

LYRICS FROM THE HIP HOP PROJECT ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK

01 INTRO Kazi

02 ROLL CALL Kazi, CaNNoN, Princess, Shameka, Ty, Verse, L.O.U., and Divine

CaNNoN

It's C-A-double N-O-N up in ya neighborhood
Strollin', holdin' a pen and a pad fill in that paper good
Roaming the city, holdin' my giddy-guitar on my back
Passion for music HIGH, I'm a monster on a track
Do it all, ain't no limit wit tunes from start to finish
I spark a image could make a cat feel me or party wit it
I'm a bad dude, name a weapon in war I'll blast you
Stomping land wit my troops, better be prepared when we pass through

Princess

Royalty quality Princess no denying me
Test me and your tracks will get burned like music piracy
Bombing ya speakers hot flow conceivers ill with the skill
And the business of music listen pay attention and I'm a teach ya
In hate lames runnin' with they lips what's been said
I just grind and keep s**t in the fam like inbreds
Its double H-P we shining crazy like looney prisms
Flows official booths get injured when we up in 'em

Shameka

Chorus

If ya'll ain't know then well now ya know
It's H-H-P on ya radio
We been waiting and now here we go
So it's time to rock wit us now (repeat)

Ty

Hey what up! (hmmm) pardon the charismatic attractive
Rapper activist mack wit his back to these actin' rappers
Killin' a track wit... a pad, a pen, a pack o' matches
Burn to ashes all the bastards who spat on my rappin' back then
Nittyman is the beast within the man without manners
Got hataz eyes greener than Bruce Banner bananas
And to critics I've confronted F**K A PARDON MY BLUNTNESS!
Nittyman and tha H-H motha F'er who wants it?!

Verse

V-E-R-S and a E Hip Hop prince I'm destined to be
I'm infamous but unbelief, when I'm under that grind
Got cripple lips therefore I can't run out of rhyme
Son in his prime, I'm one of a kind but our style of rhyme
We rap and we better than brothers,
Black or Eminem color veterans love us,
It's expected in others who could top that!
Whooh! Who could stop that Hot Cat! va, va, va, Verse!

Shameka

Chorus

If ya'll ain't know then well now ya know
It's H-H-P on ya radio
We been waiting and now here we go
So it's time to rock wit us now (repeat)

L.O.U.

Now through the midst of me hurting I still been seeking and searching
Becoming one with my purpose making these rappers nervous
I know you find it confusing due to the positive music
But I can flip it like a gymnast any topic we using
L.O.U. is my alias I'm the truth and the craziest
You don't believe in this god then you must be an atheist

I'm the sickest on this planet rapping only right I grab it
Once I use it and abuse it you can take it and have it

Divine

It's divine, and I shine I'm always on my grind
And always on my mind is music, movies and time
And not to mention my purpose my plan my services on this land
You gonna fall homey if you don't stand for,
What u believe in this is why I am succeeding,
For teaching all of my people about achieving any goals
If ya'll put ya souls to it
H-H-P c'mon lets do it

Chorus

03 THROW IT UP CaNNoN, Verse, Ty, Divine, Critical Ki, Princess, L.O.U., Live Wire and Kazi

Chorus

Let me see ya hands up in the air now (yeah)
We here now (yeah)
We makin' your clothes wet to air it out (yeah)
Move sumthin', sip or twist something up
And when you hear this here
You gotta let me see
Ya hands up in the air now (yeah)
We here now (yeah)
We know you been waiting be prepared now (yeah)
Move sumthin', sip or twist something up
Joint here so sick
Go 'head throw it up

Verse

My name Verse, Yo I think I'm the best Ak
Yeah I'm kinda defensive
'cause of the fist of my step-pops.
Think it's a game
n***a let's play
You seen the movie man
you seen how I impressed Sway
Once was a slave
to the dude that was promoting, press play
Never the less I left
so it's a blessed day
This movie will move thee to move
To the movies and watch it, Hip Hop Project

Ty

Ya tu sabe! (who's that?)
a different kinda dude
kinda cool grape jelly
kix peanut butter smooth
(pero no entiendo)
well listen what him say
I'm loved around the country
from Puerto Rico to Hempstead
pardon my supporters
but all of them es mi gente
and we getting more
see our followin'
es tremende
my style (es nuevo)
you see me (que lindo)
you don't like us
then que pobresiiiiito! Owwww!

Chorus

Divine

Divine's in here
A whole new year
Got brand new hair

Yeah
I'm the social entrepreneur
I'm a Force to reckon with
So please don't fear
Young and gifted
Yes I was misfit
Shifted
Spirit got lifted
I'm so ahead of my time
I got finish up a head of my rhymes

Critical Ki

Critical is so amazing
Yo the boy is just blazing
Flow so left field, I ran away from the plantation
N***az be trying to pick up they iron and reach for they chrome
Yo I'm a lyrical miserable
I'll midget you
I'll minus your soul
So next on the agenda
I'm feeling like December
I stay in ice blazing mics
With rocks than larger than juggernaut grave sights
My dude be easy
These days
I'm a do rag on fire
I bring heat waves

Chorus

Princess

How you address me Princess
Bow to your highness
Lion-head goddess
Yes I get it poppin' RAAAHHH... poppin'
Just cause I got locks don't mean
That I'm conscious
S**t to be honest I might blow some
Trees while I write this
You fake or you frontin'
On the real you don't want it
Everything goin' easy
When I roll with the Double H-Peezy

L.O.U.

Compare me to none
Cuz L.O.U. is one of a kind
I drink lighter fluid spit the lake of
Fire through rhymes
Cuz being dope
Is gonna let me bubble like soap
So watch me make ya'll n***az choke
Like slave on a rope
All eyes on me like P-A-C
Take this game by storm
Regardless of the degrees
In case ya'll not getting the picture
Too legit to quit
Now watch this MC HAMMER n***az

Chorus

Live Wire
I-I-I get it in. You know it ain't a thing homie.
Plus I perform life I ain't got a brain on me.
Live Wire. The n***a that spit it a million miles a minute
Be taking your brain. Twisting it up and then giving it back.
(Tuheheheheh) Hi everybody.
I'm a little deranged. The name Live Wire.
Ya'll already know how the boy Live flow it up.
So like bulimics do their lunch ya'll throw it up. HIP HOP PROJECT!

Kazi

No further ado

Guess who coming through
Man of many faces
From the Double H crew
I'm rocking hip hop and
Non-stopping
Rocking yo noggin
Ya'll really saying nothing
I'm just givin' an option
I'm a little bit of Garvey
Mix it Marley
Rico Suave
But call me Kazi
This is hardcore with a righteous twist
Now everybody in the is mah
Move 'em just like this
(Come on)

Chorus

04 HIP HOP HEALS Kazi

05 LEATHER COUCH CaNNoN featuring Ki

Sometimes my heart to left to have a right mind,
That's a challenge in itself don't no manual come with living a lifetime
No personal trainer that's keeping you fit prepared for the danger
Get your ass whooped before you could get your weight up
I have to spar no matter the class,
Now I'm training for the future with my present and past
Took a lot of L's but I still managed not showing the damage
Or how many times my face hit the canvas
I'm still standing answers I'm demanding
Got me on this journey but not a clue where I'm landing
Momma left, my inside is hollow I feel abandoned
Went to reached for the stars but left empty handed
Now my dreams shattered what mattered to me most
Is the most that mattered and never will
Wish that I didn't feel,
How I get problems on the move when I'm standing still
Cuz I'm being killed for real

Chorus

When my world just crumbles
And when in doubt
When I'm questioning what life is all about
When I'm heated and I need to let it out
Spittin's my therapy
Booth is my leather couch
My medicine
My my my medicine
Need a daily dose
I picks up the pen
Can't go to Doctor Phil and let it out
Spittin's my therapy
Booth is my leather couch

Critical Ki

Its' grabbing me it's stabbing me it's having me hit endo
I'm savagely and practically just babbling this info
I'm so in the reap and roaming the streets with coke in sneakers and
endo,
Feel like I'm battling gravity hopping out of a window
Whole world against me, my girl just left me
Sick of my world that's messy
Conscious telling me streets could be the death of me
Money could make a friend turn to your enemy
How figures make you not crew
It's insane what this s**t brought us
You n***as got no clue like the D.J.'s momma had an abortion
On how to remain pals and not change once change piles up to the ceiling
I'm thinking, what the f**k is my reason for being here
Jesus clear that up for me is more than crack hopefully

Biggest difference between me and you lyrically
Mine's based off experience yours is theory

Chorus

I can't afford to pay a doctor for a pen and pad
Sitting there watching the way I talk analyzing my thoughts
Looking at every movement and every emotion,
Brought up under a microscope sometimes life is a joke
Just when the good begins
S**t get shaky like a bad case of Parkinson's need a lot to park my sins
Shelter my worries bury my doubts
Still stuck in this maze, caught up in it trying to see the way out
And sometimes, I feel I need a sedative
N***a try to beat 'em but the odds, they competitive
Ain't giving up the fight when I write,
It's like the medicine
When I try to heal the grief, here comes the stress again
I'm headed in a pit full of doubt
Situations piling up and problems ain't heading out
Can I depend on success to mend this heart that's been torn
Or will it all fall back against the damn wall

Chorus 2x

06 LOVE LIKE THIS Kazi and Kheperah

Kazi

Relationships is complex boggles the best
I'm still trying to figure out the opposite sex
With 'em today gone tomorrow
But I don't want to do that no more.....nah
I don't want to be a player
Cause I'm a different man now I want more
My standards is lifted don't get it twisted
Always got what I want it's physical fitness
Now I need a little mix up in my misses
Abracadabra you granted my wishes
Your personality was custom tailored
Tone is seductive but you cuss like sailors
Best of both worlds twenty women in one
Women show you shade you keep sending 'em sun
Give you my title is something that I might do
Never in my life have I met a woman like you

Chorus

Never knew a love like this
All tongue tied
Misty eyed
Never knew a love like this
I get lost in daydreams nowadays
Never knew a love like this
Smell of your cologne I lose my mind
Never knew a love like this
Baby I'm happy that you're mine

Kheperah

I used to think that all the world needed was love
Until love became my worst enemy
Love was no friend o'me Don't be tryin' to get wit me
Hurts too much to love
But then you came along widda style and a swagger
Caught me by surprise
My lover homie friend You got to know me
Came to all my shows Back then who woulda known
But look at how we've grown And still we in a zone together
Even the non-believers knowin' better
I checked in wit all this baggage And you flipped it into luxury luggage
Now we off together
I love that we can fight like kids In a zone before you know it and it's over
And we flowin' in the nighttime bliss
Mister and Miss
Neva eva knew a love quite like this

Chorus

You the moon to my sun you reflect me you get me
Love looking at you, cause you so damn sexy

Encourage my dreams and you always respect me
I see them girls lookin' I know God has blessed me

Coming from the gutter had to cross the track
From two different worlds but opposites attract

From Bahamas to Brooklyn the hood is the hood
Streets may be different but the love is all good

You ain't never lie You know that's right
Get tongue tied when you walk by
And I never knew a love like this
Come here baby girl give me a kiss

Ooooh... Kiss me again
Lips are eleven on a scale of ten
Keep keepin' it real don't ever pretend
And I'm a keep lovin' you again and again and again

Chorus

07 WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY? Kazi

08 GOOD QUESTION Verse, Kazi, L.O.U.

If you had the whole world chilling in the palm of hand man what you
would have to say?
Good question...

What you would have to say?

Good question...

What you would have to say?

Verse

See I'm a Libra so its nothing that I'm not gonna say
Because I'm revolutionary you think I'm not gonna say
That I gotta get paid its logic I gotta profit today
Whoever stopping or dividing my products gotta decay
Dreams of living in the rocks in the shade
Inside of a drop top getting t**t in the shade
What about the activist that Denzel Washington played
OK hold up I hope that ya'll all hearing
In God we trust turn it in to God fearing
Murder all politicians except for Charles Barron
Talk to all of the dudes that's lock on the isle
Tell if the street is the future then you not gonna smile
Swear to God Big and Pac would be proud
You could feel the tear drops just dropping from the top of the cloud
This is that sicka track from my n***a Scratch
Thanks for giving back n***a...one

Chorus

If you had the whole world chilling in the palm of hand man what you
would have to say?
Good question...

What you would have to say?

Good question...

What you would have to say?

Kazi

It been a long time comin' never buckle my stance
Hurry up and give me the microphone before I bust in my pants
So much to say I don't know where to start
Kharma Kaz from the heart I'm a avant garde

Mic check (Uno dos) hope you hear me clearly
Say what I feel none of ya'll don't scare me
Speak for the voiceless my peeps is leery
We know it ain't the hurricane that broke the levy
Conspiracy theory, nah we see through the bulls**t
Elected officials and the pimps in the pulpit
Promises empty speeches feel good
Little Girls in the back of the class
they getting feelled up
(oohhh) Listen to your momma
No more drama better be your mantra
You get what you give sow yo karma
And when the day come ya'll vote Obama

Chorus

L.O.U.

Its been said closed mouths don't get fed
So I'll let the word spread in exchange for that bread
Got a message to deliver for my brothers and my sisters
To those no longer with us I'll pour out a little liquor
I got this little plan and it's destined to work
See we can do it like the government but only in reverse
Remember what they did put drugs where we live
Got blacks on crack don't nobody know s**t
Well first we let it whoop up then after it done cooks up
We'll take it to their homes and let it Rome like Europe
Insult their intelligence and treat 'em like dummies
Inject them all with A.I.D.S. and tell 'em that it came from monkeys
Cause we ain't forget man and that's the problem
You see payback's a bitch and I hope they got condoms
But you know how they do when you speaking that truth
So let me vacate I think I see a sniper on the roof

09 REVOLUTION Divine

Di blood a king pharaoh, run tru me marrow
With the exception of the pain and sorrow
We were dealt cards but my cards are tarot
So me can see how it gon' be tomorrow
Where you gon' run if the world too hot
What's gonna happen if the plant life stop
And the world is ran by robots
Yo we need A REVOLUTION!

Most revolutionaries dead by gun shot
Have you ever really thought 'bout that?
You can take me body but u can't take my heart
Can't say me bad cuz me live by Maat
One thing I man can't understand
People see all the things that wrong
Who gonna be the one fi stand strong!
Yo we need a REVOLUTION!

Revolution!!! 4x

African a suffer ever since the slave ships
Blacks in America still on some slave s**t
Shackle up in a chains, backs with mad whips
Now we value our lives on chains and mad whips!
Wha land Rover but can't buy no land!
African, a chop off foot and all hand
the A.I.D.S. a decrease the population
Yo! we need a REVOLUTION!

People and liquor a bun out dem liver
Smoking on a cigarette a mek we die quicker
Poor a spend more and the rich a get richer
Might as well call him massa Hilfiger!
Where da hell all I this come from?
We nah eat good, them have pure pork fi nyam
Kids making babies, what di hell gone wrong?
Yo we need a REVOLUTION!

Revolution!!! 4x

Who ever got the power, what wrong with your
brain?!!!!
Instead a make job, u make weed and cocaine
Instead of more schools you build more jail
Find better ways cuz the youth dem a fail!!
Invest more money in a education!
In to the future of the young children
Hire better teachers not new police man
Yo we need a REVOLUTION!

Fi change round the world and the legislation
Fya pon modern day plantation
Give poor people the reparations
Give back the land to the natives man!
Stop make gun and the nuclear bomb
Stop all the war and the destruction
Introduce the people to organization
So u have a REVOLUTION!!!

Revolution!!! 4x

10 THE MESSAGE Verse

Look at our Hip-Hop
Nothing but jewelry and fake cars
Its Big Pac
Damn we shooting at A stars
I hope when they aim at me
They got the pupils of Ray Charles
Don't let a positive turn into a negative
Here's a jewel that I learned from a relative check
Every gesture is a world to be mastered
But if you reach for you hip
Does it mean I gotta earl in my casket
N***as like to rhymes for their block
I think my flows greater
I'm not a Hove hater
But then again I made it a ill habit
To study the creator of Illmatic
I want a album with diamond at least
Cause I'm sick of watching the innocent die in the street
Sing to me

Chorus

There's a world out there black man
That really don't care about you
Fear and doubt you
There's a world out there black queen
That really don't care about you
Fear and doubt you
There's a world out there black man
That really don't care about you
Fear and doubt you
There's a world out there black queen
That really don't care about you
That just don't care

Now here's proof your relationship's a messed up world
Cause while he lying and cheating he crying you need 'em
Declining and weakened you don't you just a messed up girl
I look at him as the mind insane one
I love woman look the ***** I came from
You say you love 'em but um excuse me and pardon me
Cause every time ya'll argue he
disrespect you and call you that word that start wit b
He always try to tell you when to listen and speak
You disagree 30 seconds later fist in the cheek
You got a life don't create and ruin it
This can't be the guy you're creating humans with
Come ba ba baby girl ain't you in the mood for enough
Matter fact I know you seen the movie enough

You gotta understand there's way bigger and better
Please understand there bigger and better baby girl

Chorus

No can you criticize
In the eyes of us guys who visualize wealth
I ain't gonna front yo the diamonds I love 'em
But I ain't gonna keep reminding you of them
Block natives slinging coke through Dominique Dawes' actions
Forget ice I'm trying to just floss rapping
Picture me chillin' playing the damn block
Till that van stop
Cause when the cops is players
Them cops is aiming at anybody that's not Caucasian
You can keep avenues banging those bricks
I'm a keep making you say ohhh s**t

Chorus

11 SHARE Kazi

12 A MOTHER'S CRY Princess

Thinking back to '84 when I was a pain in my mother's eye
From the day of birth I ripped her insides
I wasn't planned I was an option
The first she kept but the second conceived
Wondered if she knew the same would happen to me
For weeks I carried life but I couldn't look her straight in the eye
My mom wasn't the type to talk about guys
Everything I learned was when I actually tried
Besides the truth hurts so why tell when you could lie
You don't know what it is like
Attached to your baby and you 'bout to take its life
I wanted to keep it but the consequences I couldn't handle
I had my reasons none to justify it but some to just get by it
And 15 I'm still merely a child
While others studied I made decisions on life and death
Situations situations...

Chorus 2x

Do you know what it is like?
A mother's cry
Can you feel what it is like?
A mother's cry
Have you heard what it is like?
A mother's cry
A mother's cry
A mother's cry

I knew my life be different as I walked up in the clinic
Four months pregnant the seed growing in my stomach I can feel it
I had to make a decision I'm thinking this could be different
if my mother sat with me a minute
Couldn't believe it try to punch myself in the stomach
And get rid of its life
Scared popping pills hoping it just disappear in the night
In a matter of seconds
Laying on the table while the doctor flashing the light
I feel an injection and they robbed my baby like a the night
I woke I seen the crooks they left without trace
And the evidence they left was a puddle of blood
I felt bad even tough I co-conspired the crime
Sometimes I wish it was me instead of my baby that died

Chorus 2

13 FEELIN' LIKE GIVING UP Ty featuring Live Wire

Ty

What up pop? Here's a verse from your first son born
The first son to feel like a lot less than he's worth

Your words spilled into my heart and it hurts I ain't showing it though
It shows from the tear stains on my shirt
You told me that my existence wasn't worth piss
And that in it I'd suffer infinite bits of the twisted s**t that you been in
Damn pop would you listen? You've already inflicted
Millions of minutes of cursing this life I've lived as a misfit
Birthdays you missed it from one to fourteen
Couldn't even call me and I'm not even gon' mention Christmas
So how is it you just fall in and start making decisions
Telling me what is and what isn't forbidden I'm far from a kid and
Your farther from the façade and it's obvious that a father
Is not an imminent option but you know what I don't hate you
Plus you taught me that even blood can be fake too
All it takes is to break through

Chorus

What up Ty? Why you feel like giving up?
Live I don't know but my life...
Is it ill or what?
No matter how hard life is your life is priceless
Plus you was created in God's likeness man.
That sounds good but my pops said
Dawg it doesn't matter
And I never meant to hurt my Moms, Live
But Son be glad you had her. Believe it or not kid it could've been worse
Sometimes a gift will come disguised as a curse. Man Damn.

Ty

Ma I love you for the fact that you stayed true in doing
Everything that you did for the kid to turn me into the person that I is
Instead of cursing me and bursting into fits swinging fist
Like some other people I'm not going to mention no
You spilled tear after tear year after year
Bruised and battered your life torn and tattered
With no kind of light shone down to brighten the path that you
Stumbled upon wondering why did all of this happen?
It could have been different if you just did what my father mentioned
And went with your adolescent spirit that jumped to abortion
But then there'd be no be orphan Tyrese Peire Shepard
Would've been a thought that just left when your breath did
And I know I put you through it from lying and stealing quarters
Denying you when you ordered to check and review my home work
And your home wouldn't work cuz the working went unnoticed
I know it was times that you was broke and you never showed it
But the rent stayed paid food in the refrigerator
Radiator whistling like music was in the kitchen Listen
I apologize for every ill that you suffered
Enough is enough and you're my melody still

Chorus

Live Wire

Ty I done been through the same but I came through rain
Rearrange my aim sometimes a give will come disguised as a curse
(Uh yeah) And I was a fatherless adolescent but I got a question
Don't you thank god for you birth? (Uh yeah)
Listen man Pops same thing different man
Brain ain't sane tripping man brain saying hit this man
Bang bang clip in hand but son I'm a different man
Headed for the riches man I'm hoping you listening
I know where we going and you know it too
Man I spew it till I'm blue in the face and my noodle is blank
But those who just knew you just knew that you was ruling
Every since you put the pencil to the college rule you had rank

Chorus

14 LIFE GOES ON Kazi

The odds was against me I was favored the forfeit
But I overcame maintained through hardship
My momma didn't want me I came up an orphan
Could a been a nut in a condom flushed in a toilet

My destiny altered her fate has been offered
Had a vision I would make it regardless
This is my testimony hear me clear
Life was whooping my derrière
To the man upstairs said a prayer
So I could stand and stare at the man in the mirror
I been through it all my struggle was long
It was tough, I was strong though my momma was gone
Kids used to tease me I'm full of my pride
When no one was lookin' of course I cried
I felt awful inside I tossed at night
From the bottom I was forced to rise

Chorus

I know the ground gonna shake
and the winds will blow
through the highs and the lows
My survivors know
Oh you gotta stay strong
Life still goes on 2x

I know looking at my life all the hardships I been through
Made me sharp as a Ginsu heart was an igloo
I took the bitter with the sweet living in the streets
Getting into beef limiting my peace
I saw Murphy's Law multiplied by four
The drama I endured never stumbled fall
Street-smart book retard I evolved
Chips stacked against me and still beat odds
I go to the depths of my soul introspect
Focus my steps then go for the goal
I owe so many debts to the shoulder I've wept
I want ya'll to know I've been coached by the best
Wipe the sweat off my brow take a deep breath
The drama keep comin' but ain't break me yet
I gotta fight for my rights then I just be scrapping
I refuse to lose no it just won't happen

Chorus 2x

Whether close or global West coast or local
I don't gotta know you to know what you go through
Breathe the same air same blood you bleed
If you a thug or a dweeb it's love you need
Try to make ends meet find what is your purpose
Ask yourself why me what I do to deserve this
I could understand I could relate
But somehow same way it ain't shake you faith
Bad ain't change to good in pain you crying
Failure or triumph you remain defiant
Anything worth having work hard for
All ya'll don't ever forget what happened in Darfur
This ain't horry dory some stories gory
This one here's for all those who came before me
When your life in disarray trying to find your way
You could bend on one knee and humbly say

You could say God, grant me this serenity, to accept
The things that I cannot change
The courage to change the things that I can
And the wisdom to know the difference
I share my life so when you go through hard times
You can say

Chorus 2X

15 HHP ANTHEM Verse, L.O.U., CaNNoN, Princess, Ty and Divine

Verse

V.E.R.S. to the fifth letter
Ain't nobody destined to spit better
H.H.P. damn right yo we love what we built

Whether you black or you got the skin color of milk
Ya'll fake groups ain't even go platinum yet
Exaggerating punch lines about fat brigets
We nasty like the mouth of a prostitute
We classy lyrically we bad with admit it ag kill it

L.O.U.

We stuck on our grind never falling behind
We made something out of nothing in a short amount of time
While broke we stood focus others seen the devotion
They open and now they give us money like we homeless
Changed our rap tactics hard work and practice
Got passed the average while ya were slacking
Leaving impacts touching lives with our songs
This is deeper than money, whips, and video broads

Chorus 2x

(H!) Hip Hop is the music man
(H!) Don't hate us we the truest fam
(P!) For the people who just struggle but they spit hot
Love it cause it's Hip Hop
Yeah Yeah

CaNNoN

Ya'll want rap with substance ya'll done found some ill chemist
Them fake topics, kill it we smash bars with lyrics
That hold weight mean something
Bench press mc's with that gleam fronting cause it don't mean nothing
If ya hood don't shine bring prosperity back
Could blow ya mind mental sluts on a track
This journey in life take ya'll through from our view
From ruin could make ya'll move that's what two H do

Princess

Yo I couldn't imagine this in ninety-nine
Same people that was strangers and they family now
Bad times been as well as the good
We destined to be livin' it up
If you askin' then ya ass gotta be dumb
Our content go deeper then flossin' it up
What? H to the double P yo we takes it to the next level
Seeing where we at ain't no telling where we be

Chorus 2x

Ty

Well I guess the harder the taste the harder the base
Squad in ya face? Need to escape? Art - Start is the place
Hardly a place where ya heart is hard to replace
Hardly a place like it, by comparison they're hardly the same
Words from Kazi, never taken it in vain
Flow got ya grandmother Harlem shaking on the stage
Ty to the NI...TT please believe Fa sheez
it's H-H-P

Divine

It's the D-I-V-I-N-E and HHP
Art Start faculty, you know se dem a back of we
Naturally we family, moving up so rapidly
Rapping and the R&B, Reggae, and the poetry
Can catch us on CBS, NBC, INY on BET,
Nightline, ABC, even Oprah Winfrey
It's the H-I-P-H-O-P-PR-O-J-E-C-T-YIYIYIYI!!!

Chorus 2x

16 LAST MEMBER Live Wire

Intro

Oooh! Ya'll ain't gotta clue what double HP came to do
Aw yeah it's WIRE!

Chorus

Oooh looked who stepped up in the booth
It's the last member of the crew
Aw yeah It's Wire 5 plus 2
Mr. lucky number 7's in the booth
Yes Baby it's Live
Nah ya'll ain't got a clue what double H-P came to do
We on fire Representing buck town
Pen and Pad I got rap
It is getting shut down

Ooh looked who stepped up in the booth
Live WIRE! The people know my name
Came into the game it's nothing
They loving the way that I dance on the melody and f**k the percussion
Stuntin' like my daddy no I ain't have a daddy to stunt like
Glass ears I had to front right
Now-a-later raps? That's right Hova
Kept a n***a fresh fly stuck in them tight hose
My cyclone raps had them trapped up in my zone
F**king labels were hating Wire alright though
From an aggressive young bull to a wizard like Michael
The game in the palm of my hand like Tyco
I go on and on and on and on and on and on they like so
They book him in the clubs and night shows
The night shows got these b****es on psycho
So I got to wrap my meat like gyro
You silly n***az thinking my eyes close.
Whatever s**t I could f**k up the game with a blindfold
Tell you n***az now, about to take me a flight yo
Soon as I return, get the f**k out of my thrown

Chorus

Oooh yes! Smelling like success
Candy yams and steak, cooked by the cook Yes!
Platinum interior tub just for the bubble bath
Chauffeur maneuvering something like a hovercraft
Uhh yeah n***a I could f**k with that
I ain't have a dime all my life
So these rhymes that I write
N***a vice grip tight
Business on point and watch who I'm sliding the pipe
N***az is sick of the dude
Cause I'm sitting back counting my residuals
Doing what they didn't do n***a you can spit a few
Gotta step up your business to f**king with lyrical Live L-L-Live-Live
The beginning is on and ya'll I got my Timberlands on
And nobody stopping the villain I'm itching and feeling forward
How many ready for war? Ya'll they feeling him ya'll
Every since Christopher stuck the pill in the dog food
They've been loving the gentleman Wire's becoming a star

Chorus

Oooh Ya'll ain't got a clue
Could you believe? I wasn't supposed to be in the group
But when the project needed me
I repeatedly showed and proved I was grinding equally
Life is what you make it so I take it and build
I ain't perfect I make mistakes but I try to instill
All the jewels that I receive into the n***az that real
And all my youngins on the come up putting work in the field
Rock in my palm (What he gonna do with it)
Pivot turn swish (Why ya'll let him shoot the s**t)
Never stopping we double H-P property
Kazi Mr. Miagi aki stopping we are never
Better go and f**k with them if you're clever
Saidaaah I'm like a black bear under pressure
However ladies don't be scared you can step up
Smoother than leather bend your ass like a wrestler
Yes Sir!

Chorus

17 UP AND DOWN Verse

All I ever wanted to do was just rap and be wise
But everybody mind they business and they capitalize,
Now everybody who ain't affiliated they really hate it
And made it ohhh, so hard for successes
Pardon my stress but it's hard to ingest the pain
Without a doubt I was manipulated
So I use this pen with every sip of hatred
But no matter what I do me and this B***H related
You see I'm sorry for using such profanity Russell
But he used me as a kick-stand and a hustle
And he abused me just to get his hand on some muscle
And he hurt my career with a crippling touch
Inflicted with such s**t that is just sick to the gut
How his son was just kick to the dust our son happy now
You lost your residence, you lost your life
You only love me cause them presidents who lost their life
Or did you leave cause you thought I wasn't getting that chedda
And you thought that Diddy would have me just hidden forever
But with success situations take a slight change
So don't holla when you see me in that white Range

Chorus 2x

I'm going up and down
Life is nowhere
Life is no fair
Sometime I m feelin' up and down
but it will get betta wit cheddar.
It will get... betta wit cheddar!!

Daddy, Daddy, Daddy,
You know I really love you so
Even though you daddy, daddy, daddy
There's certain things that you must know
Now realize I'm not little Kamau anymore
You lost the privilege years ago it went out of the door
When you decide to leave me fatherless too rotten and sore
Do I gotta show you how to be a daddy daddy
Gladly daddy so listen up step 1
When you away from your son you should miss and love him
On birthday it's okay to get a gift or something
Mommy ain't the only person who should kiss and hug him, damn!
You left me with bits of nothing
To get punish by the fist of Patricia husband
But look what you semen did
At least I'm a man with will, black beautiful skin and piano skills
Should I forgive and forget I don't know Obdelle
That's like doing back flips with a swollen belly
Come on you made me daddy so don't try to play me daddy
Hear the song go

Chorus 2x

Everybody wanna be a star
But everybody ain't you feelin' me ain't no hatin' will in me
But my capability be inclining I'm patient lyrically
Literally it will belittle me till I'm feelin' so stress man
I be feeling like f**k life, I'm feelin' so uptight
Feelin' down critics if success is water
Then I'm trying to drown in it
See I wanna chill but they wanna be delay me man
I flow sick but my humbleness aids me
And to that certain guy I'm talking in syllables
You know who I am, I'm talking subliminal
I'm the dude the dude that the dude neglecting
I hope you connecting, I hope you respecting
This creativity Yeah!
You ain't giving me liberty
And you want me to really say that what I miss you man
Come on be serious they all ass kiss you fam
So much that their lips need tissue man!
Even when you talented this is one thing that I learned
Opportunities can really miss you damn!

Chorus 4x

18 SOUL MUSIC Kazi

19 ONCE HAD IT ALL CaNNoN

Introducing a cat that ya'll assuming don't have any problems
But they building everyday
Constructing nothing but pain and ache, death internally
Feeling my cardio slowly decay
I got stress where it feels like I'm about to crack or self-destruct
But I NEVER show people that
Everyday seen my MOMS lie on her back
Unable to do for herself because of the fact
Was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in '96
At age 12 had to grow into a man and s**t
Handling mad responsibility I just wanted to be a kid
I felt GOD acted inconsiderately
I used to live the life always got what I wanted
MOMS was doing great then I just watched it plummet
But materials ain't me S**T to me
It was when she got worse and became my priority
Pops wasn't around so she was who I looked up to
Gave me love emotional support plus she brought me stuff too
Watched her go from walking to walkers from taking care of herself
To needing all those damn doctors support her
She couldn't something as simple as go to the toilet to remove her bowels
To me – That's F**KIN FOUL
She had to use those adult diapers known as Depends
Then I helped give her a shower on the weekends
During the week she got a bed bath
Every second I wish s**t just switch to how it was in the past
But it NEVER happened ya'll and I constantly asked
I can't win this battle s**t is always leaving me gashed
S**t changed in a flicker or flash, hard not to be sad
When the good times just didn't last
Why me? Never understood that for nothing
Feeling cursed like somebody imprecated something

Chorus

I once had it all
Watched it fall
Crumble right before my eyes
Its affect was strong
Hoping s**t would change
But it didn't evolve
Just grew progressively and it still go on
I once had it all
Watched it fall
Crumble right before my eyes
Its effect was strong
Hoping s**t would change
But it didn't evolve
And now this hurt ya'll can't take no more

People comfort me and tell me that they understand
But really ya'll ain't living the life of CaN
I appreciate their concern at least the fact that they care
But honestly they don't know and wouldn't wanna be here
Don't know how it is when ya MOMS is alive
But she's in a wheelchair for better health she strives
Thought life was meaningless tried to commit suicide
By overdosing sleeping pills and drinking harmful fluids WHY I ASKED
She just looked away and laughed
Said I'm suffering wanted to put an end to it fast
Grandmother was shocked
She couldn't believe it either
Her first-born child was attempting to leave her
Had a n***a taking blunts and booze
Hardly ever wanted to chill or to even go to school
Just wanted to stay home or cut school and toke
Or sit in my room all day and groan and mope
But s**t is so different these days
So obscure being that my MOMS passed away
Grandmother loved her to death she took care of her child
Gave her the treatment which was the best of the best
She tired as hell plus she got lack of sleep

Just to see my moms improve and get back on her feet
My whole fam hurt ya'll my aunts and all
I'm grateful for everything just tryin' a keep us strong

Chorus

20 ENVY L.O.U.

When I jumped on the scene, I was 17, Double HP
Embraced me with open arms took me in they family
It was Kazi, Cortez, CaNNoN and Ty
Princess, Agony, Gheiltohki, myself and Divine,
We were young with dreams on doin' the rap thing
But something was missing that's knowing the industry
Once we got it we started the process on wanting to progress
Kazi told us just to switch up the topic when writin'
I gave 'em headaches always verbally fightin'
Always refusing to doin' what this man was implying
The rest would listen I would be the only one trippin'
While others made the transition I was resistin'
Huffin' and puffin' ready to give up and say f**k it
But something inside me told me to keep budgin',
I didn't wanna write songs that we're gonna talk about how we ought ta
Give hope to those who were from the gutter
But I was young and dumb talking about drugs and guns
Followin' others and spittin' bout s**t that I never done
When they elevated, I wasn't down for those changes
We were all one book but still on different pages
Double HP was rising from the songs they were writing
While I was stagnant off the s**t I was reciting
When the cameras started rollin', attention started growin'
And that's around the time when my jealousy started

Chorus

If only I knew what the hell I go through
Everyday I'm fighting L.O.U. with the things that I do (4x)

CaNNoN had a song on when his mother died
Princess had a song called A Mother's Cry
Both songs were fire and it truly inspired
People to listen and besides that gangsta s**t was tired
I was only getting by with these one verse rhymes
Then I would wonder why I had to go and play the sidelines
Once the group started shining they was leavin' me hurt
But what jerk, it was my fault for lackin' in work
Thinkin' Tohki with his poetry was explosively
Opening his opportunities was noticing,
Divine had a plot on taking over these blocks
With team revolution now we got Canarsie on lock
Young n***as in the grind makin' s**t happen
And here I am unfocused, females were my distraction
The school situation left a n***a devastated
Feelin' like I let mother down inside my heart was aching
I started losin' faith thinking on the race of myself
Up off the scene cuz I felt out of place
But my people round the way they felt I needed to stay
On overcomin' the pain I need to step up my game
But in the meanwhile Agony left
It was very clear to me that her monkey ass was full of herself
It's the truth that I'm spittin' I'm putting out my business
So fall back and relax pay attention and listen

Chorus 4x

I was in college trippin' watchin' the television
Kaz got awarded by Bruce Willis and Russell Simmons
My mouth dropped what I seen left me in awe
Who would've thought that this man's dreams would soon take off
Took a step back analyzed my personal struggle
Dug deep within myself no thanks to a shovel
Got back on my grind through hard work and practice
That type of tactic helped my advancement
But pain mixed with rain it helped me to grow
Trial and error I guess I'm learning this as I go

Why sit when L.O.U. ain't one for waitin'
My patience thinner than a cancer patient in his last stages
If this is what I went through just to reach where I'm at
To Double H-P I apologize for that
Ya never did turn ya backs and I'm thankful for that
Signin' off truly yours L.O.U. holla back

Chorus 4x

21 DEAR DADDY Princess

Dear Daddy, Hey how you doing? I sent you fifty dollars and I hope it was enough
College is aight but my professor kinda tough
I meant to come and check you before they sent you up
But my spirit wasn't up mommy's dealing with enough
So I helps out with the boys
Mommy said you're down and out because of all that's going on
I'm praying everyday until the night becomes the morn
Your lawyers not sure third time you broke the law
Most likely it's three to four including your time served
I swear we don't deserve for our matters to be worst
INS sent us a letter now your status is at question
Right now I have no answers til I speak with your attorney
Trust me I got it daddy all that matters is your freedom
Please for any reason don't doubt we'll get you home
For the moment I'm gone, Diana

Dear Daddy, I'm stressed I been crying every step
Especially today just came from INS
It doesn't look good but I have a lot of faith
When you come home there's alot we gotta change
The drinking make you reckless thinking that you on your death wish
Remember already got three strikes on you record
The third be the reason that you permanently leaving
They'll take you away you'll lose more than your freedom
Rotten ceiling your family to hell is the money really worth it
If you locked up in jail
Down to fight the battle through the frighten narrow
Once you back out gotta walk the straight and narrow
If you only knew all the s**t you put us through
Plus gotta prove that the love we have is true
There's cash on your books there's a package on the way
Sincerely yours, Diana

22 KEEP STEPPIN' Kazi

It's been a long time comin' huntin' what we wanted
Back stomach touching makin' something out of nothing
In it for a minute committed to the finish
If the labels try to limit we gon get it independent
Plannin' every phase camera in our face
Topple any obstacle standin' in our way
Every day is a struggle what don't kill you give you muscle
Hustle bustle hut 1 hut 2
Huddle with the team givin' 'em the dream
Go full steam though it seem you in trouble
Difficult intervals dig deep give 'em more
Up from the floor straight to the pinnacle
Double H-P is the start of a movement
Squad of stars in charge of the unit
Is the K_A_Z I'm the heart of the group and
Full speed ahead we movin' c'mon keep steppin'

Chorus 2x

Gotta get it out
Can't block the aggression
Can't stop won't stop
Not cause you stressin'
Focus on the lesson
Knowin' that you destined
Full speed ahead keep steppin'(what)

Keep steppin' (ungh)
Keep steppin' (?)
Keep steppin' right (Ty)
Keep steppin' (Live)
Keep steppin' (P)
Keep steppin' (Ki)
Keep steppin' (yeah)
Keep steppin'

In 99 I started a program
To show you how to fish you know I don't hold hands
This ain't the average passin' classes
Music a magnet attracted the masses
In a safe space the audience captive
Rain sleet snow to matter the address
They came on the train some of them walked
And they came from boogey down Bronx To Brooklyn, NY
And sometimes they didn't rhyme they be wantin' to talk and
Know I was gonna listen like it's something important
But when it's real you feel it you shield it
Place you find peace so much drama to deal with
Sometimes must've thought Kharma Khaz an odd dude
Always talking bout some ol' pill in the dog food
Give 'em what they want slip 'em what they need
In order to succeed need to follow my lead and keep steppin'

Chorus 2x

Some was johnny come lately some was there from the start
You're all held real dear to my heart
Ty had G he was the hood prince charmin'
P stay frontin' hard softer than Charmin
How could two people with nothing in common
Fall in love, CaNNON you are a star man
Verse was a genius sometimes a *****
Had me pullin' out my hair God I don't need this
Isis was extra new how to vex ya
Shameka if I wanted to I couldn't forget ugh
Live had drive eyes on the prize
Foundation rised to the pinnacle sides
Divine huge Afro attention lasso
L.O.U. grew ten fold but gave me a hassle
Ag had enough she went and joined the army
Ki just be killin' 'em softly I'm Kazi

Chorus 2x

23 MY DAY Live Wire, L.O.U., Kazi

Live Wire

Navigating this road man it's nothing.
I made it from nothing to something
I'm stuck in this jungle of bull s**t.
Brooklyn is buzzing because of the drugs
And the guns and nothing
Is fun about fighting to keep your lungs pumping.
Running ducking
Cause n***az is bucking (listen)
Visit the hood, where it's war 24/7
And adolescence is falling many before 7.
We trapped in these hell-holes,
Still looking for heaven.
I could be the next Lyor, Kevin ya'll
My story, poppa missing
My momma addicted my grand momma's religion
I honored, was proper I could not go through the system.
I'm being watched like a halo hovers my skull.
There's got to be a higher force guiding me for sure.
I'm in the zone. Where I'm stuck between third and home
9th inning homes and losing I don't condone.
Ya'll talk it. I live it. Ya'll dream it. I get it.
F**k wishing and never vision it
Nah n***a I makin' an addition. Listen.

Chorus

Sure as the moon rise
And the setting of the sun
I'm gonna do something
Be someone
Yes sir
Right now I'm a nobody
Have nothing
Real soon my day will come
You'll see

L.O.U.

The school of hard knocks turn L.O.U. into a scholar
This verse is a trail listen close so you can follow
Me up on this tough road stick to my side
But I suggest you buckle up if you ain't ready to ride
See the weak always fold and strong never breaks
Questioning my self how much more can I take?
Cause every day is a struggle
And it hard to hustle
Thirty things at once when it two hands to juggle
Money now an issue cause my pockets going through it
I'm left with more bills than the U.S. constitution
And this be the reason
I keep on proceedin'
Life drug and I find my self fiendin'
Got me itching for a fixture
F**k cocaine I sniff Kodak
To see the bigger picture
Now this be the best way
For me to explain it
Don't think I'm a rise
Then you brain dead n***a

Chorus

Kazi

I ain't book smart but I'm street wise
Might be blind to the truth
Know how to peep lies
These eyes have seen
Dreams failed
Visions derailed
All hell break loose
Youth weepin' in jail
This is real
And it's ill how momma she dissed us
Never hugged never kissed us
Three brothers and sisters
Another statistic
Delinquent misfit
Ill and it's twisted
Kids brilliant and gifted
Feeling this big
Could have chose to Plymouth
She threw us in the garbage
No food in our stomachs
Instead of going to the concrete
I'm the rose that grew from it
Promise to myself
Move like a comet
Whether dolo, solo
If I roll with accomplice
Before I go
I make sure I accomplish
By any means ness
Even If I'm being pressed
Going through extreme stress
Never let my dreams rest

Chorus

24 CEASE FIRE CaNNoN, Verse, Divine

I'm too young to die, Cease Fire

CaNNoN

Subject matters more than anything
Mad that the people ain't movin' but
Who is it doing recruiting for this sick ass
Movement of shootin'
Fiendin' for loot while there's dying of the innocent
For some
Gold, oil, and diamonds matter more than lives meant
We got the global war but terrorism ain't nuttin' n***az ain't seen before
Hood cats bombed wit crack, struck by Raw
And they often see the offing of they boys cause what eating is costin'
(Man Cops) Carry a glock some abusin' they power
(And blocks) Needing heat to feel safe at each hour
(But spot) leaders outted Martin, Malcom, JamMaster, Big, Pac, Big L,
Scott La Rock, all shot
Could've been prevented if something wasn't invented
Can't forget about the error of the World Trade Center.
How bout the World Trade Centers, form a cypher for peace
It's burnin' up and it'll scorch on till we cease

Chorus

From the missiles to the gats, from the white to the black,
need to put down the strap (cease fire)
Cause the world ain't ready for a WAR in Iraq need to bring peace back
(cease fire) Cause the burna no good cross country to the hook just wish
ya'll would (cease fire)
Need to stop and look, lotta lives it took, really ya'll should.

Verse

I believe in peace for my n***az but!
I'll put a piece to a n***a gut to a n***a gut
Annihilate all the yeast in a n***a gut.
I know it seem ignorant trife,
But get in the life of my innocent type.
Please! Let me just explain my decision,
The government got our little brains in a prison,
They loving it but this is for the rage of our children,
So I'm lovin' it
Don't take it so personal baby
I know you can see that, they hit us with commercials that all you can be
crap!
But bottom line this is for the hate (hate) they loving to hate dog!
It not my W-A-R they are talking about global alliance but all this hate is
bestowed in the violence
And every political voice is always controlling the silence
Sing to me

Chorus

Divine

Terrorizing is always televising the war
Not realizing that other children is watching the war
And other children are really dying because of the war
Why are they even going to this blood clot war
Why must they kill people to show that killing people is wrong
Or to work on egos of other people to see who is strong
Like extorting a president for what is under is under his land
Or is it really something else that is under his plan
Meanwhile back up in the hood young brothers and sisters ain't doing too
good
Wanna be shottas cuz they feel that they should
Kill another person cuz they feel that they could
Stop it! Put down the racket
The youth death toll is just a sky-rocket
Just cause you don't have a life don't mean nobody can have it
If you need one holla at the Hip Hop Project

Chorus