



International Conversations that Never Left the Hood

In the hood we love and believe ours like LaVar Balls
these streets are full of ambition
the nights are unforgiving like the jungle feeding calls –

vultures can smell a kill from a distance
we specialize in making something out of nothing
and today we are persevering with a vengeance –

now we search for the straw man myth and his legacy
seeking to expand on our options of sports
hourly rates and drugs staring down the barrels of heavy artillery –

World War 3 if need be to get to the other side
Bad Boys with Barack, Hova and Diddy dreams
living everything Biggie ready to die –

so why is the hood informally indicted
why does the Pledge of Allegiance say “Justice for All”
when that’s a lie but we are forced to recite it –

for centuries we’ve been tortured and shackled by hate
so stop portraying like the sun is shining when it’s dark
disrespecting our cultures and disrespecting our faiths –

theft and deceit has been taking everything that it could
the cemetery is number one on the Forbes list
to many international conversations that are never leaving the hood –

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