

## Hard Knock Life - 1/2

**Interprété par Jay Z.**

Take the baseline out, uh huh  
Jigga uh huh uh huh uh huh  
Let it bump though

It's the hard knock life for us (uh-huh)  
It's the hard knock life for us  
Steady treated, we get tricked  
Steady kisses, we get kicked  
It's the hard knock life!!

From standing on the corners boppin  
To driving some of the hottest cars New York has ever seen  
To dropping some of the hottest verses rap has ever heard  
From the dope spot, where the smoke block  
Fleeing 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 bail?  
Fuck Naw  
Where all my niggas with the rubber grips, Bust shots  
And if you with me ma I rubbing your 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 it's 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 droned out  
All my niggas locked down in the 10 by 4 controlling the house  
We live in hard knocks we don't take over we borrow blocks  
Burn 'em down and you can have 'em back daddy, I'd rather that  
I flow for chicks wishing they ain't have to strip to pay tuition  
I see you vision mama, I put my money on the longshots  
All my ballers that born to glock Now I'ma be on top whether I  
perform or not

## Hard Knock Life - 2/2

I went from lukewarm to hot

Sleeping on foutons and cots, the king size, dream machines, the  
green fives

I've seen pies let the thing between my eyes analyze life's ills

Then I put it down tight grill

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 grill when my situation ain't improving

I'm trying to murder everything moving, Feel Me!!

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

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

Hustlin still inside of me and as far as progress

You be hardpressed 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 till 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

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