



Nas – "Shine On"

[Man singing & humming]

[Intro: Nas]

They wanna shine on 'em

Shine on 'em [x7]

Yeah

[Verse 1: Nas]

They dug me out the soil in the mines of the motherland

Now I'm misplaced, one hand to another hand

Illegal smugglin', people strugglin'

Wish they could just throw me back in the mud again

Yeah, guess that's how we got here

Slave trade then the diamond trade

Every child's afraid

When his mother and father get sprayed

Forced in the army, young killer brigade

Gets a new name and then he give his nose glue

Til' his mind can't take what he's gon' through

Lookin' in that dirt for that ice so blue

Then the royal family, the ice goes to

And this thing has to change, feelin' half-ashamed

As I rap with my platinum chain

When you shop for a gift for me

You think about the misery?

The same way we made apartheid history

We can do the same thing to the conflict ice

But everybody wanna shine, right?

[Hook: Nas]

Everybody wants Heaven but nobody wants dead

Everybody wants diamonds without the bloodshed

Everybody wants Heaven but nobody wants dead

Everybody wants diamonds without the bloodshed

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Shine on 'em [x7]

[Verse 2: Nas]

My VVS glimmers on my chest
200-thou-encrusted watch on my wrist
I wonder how people starve to death
When God bless the land that lacks the harvest
The stone's equality, but they homes are poverty
And the whole world ignores the robbery
Bought my girl pretty rocks when she's mad at me
Tear-drop shaped, uh, perfect clarity
It shocks, so many are killed annually
'Cause of greed, lust, and pure vanity
Stop talkin' and do somethin' about it
Every holiday season, jewelry stores crowded
Kids snatched from their homes, mutilated alive
Husbands separated from wives, keep a Jesus piece to be fly
But back in the day there was a time when they called us shine

[Hook: Nas]

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Shine on 'em [x7]

[Man Singing & Humming in Foreign Language]