## **January 28th**

## J. Cole

The real is back, the ville is back Flow bananas here, peel this back And what you'll find is, your highness Can paint a picture that is vivid enough to cure blindness Carolina's finest, you knew that already And turned to the greatest, I proved that already And if you would like, I do it twice I just sharpen my blade for a minute became lost in my ways This for my niggas that was tossin' the graves Every so often I fade deep in my thoughts and get lost in the days We used to play before your coffin was made Just got the call nigga got caught with a stray Hope he's okay Just got paid what Cochran got paid to free OJ Just to share my life on the stage in front of strangers Who know a nigga far too well, and that's the danger Know me better than I know myself I rip a page out my notebook in anger And let these thoughts linger, singing Don't give 'em too much you Don't let 'em take control It's one thing you do Don't let 'em taint your soul If you believe in God One thing's for sure If you ain't aim too high Then you aim too lowWhat's the price for a black man life? I check the toe tag, not one zero in sight I turn the TV on, not one hero in sight Unless he dribble or he fiddle with mics Look out the window cause tonight the city lit up with lights, cameras and action May no man alive come through and damage my faction I brought you niggas with me cause I love you like my brothers And your mothers' like my mother Think we need a plan of action The bigger we get the more likely egos collide It's just physics, please let's put our egos aside You my niggas, and should our worst tendencies turn us into enemies I hope that we remember these Nights fulla Hennessey When Hov around we switch up to that D'usse Gotta show respect, one day we tryna stay where you stay

Cause we from where you from Not talkin' bout the slums I'm talkin' 'bout that mind state that keep a black nigga dumb Keep a black nigga dyin' by a black nigga gun And keep on listening to the frontin' ass rap niggas son Yeah I said son This is New York's finest For 11 winters straight I took on New York's climate Like show me New York's ladder I climb it and set the bar so high that you gotta get Obama to force the air force to find it Never mind it, you'll never reach that Cole is the hypnotist, control the game whenever he snap That's every track I ain't serve no pies, I ain't slang no dope I don't bring no lies, niggas sang my quotes I don't play no games, boy I ain't no joke Like the great Rakim, when I make my notes You niggas might be L or you might be Kane Or you might be Slick Rick with 19 chains Or you might be Drizzy Drake or Kendrick Lamar But check your birth date nigga, you ain't the God Nah you ain't the God Nigga Cole the God January 28th

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