

# Ego

## Macklemore

Ladies and gentlemen  
Second Thoughts on the beat  
Big up to Lace Cadence  
Good lookin' out for this one, man I love hip hop music  
I just hate the ego  
The politics that follow it  
Getting caught in it can be lethal  
See I love the community  
'Cause a community will embrace you  
But you turn it back the community is the people that will hate you  
See everybody's striving for that same shit  
To get paid and make it  
And I'll be honest, I'm trying to become famous  
When someone makes a move  
Watch that person next to you  
Cause I'll warn ya  
I love Hova but jealousy's The Takeover  
Here come the mean mugs  
"I can't do what he does"  
And where does that lead us?  
To the ego that feeds us  
I wish that I could just do what I do  
But when a door opens for him I'm afraid there won't be enough room  
Comparison's a mother fucker  
Like MLK said,  
"We all want that band leader syndrome and it won't stop"  
This concept makes me wonder  
Is it the commodity of the music or the ego that is killing hip hop?  
It's the ego  
That makes me not give respect in death  
It's the ego  
That makes me talk shit behind people's back  
You know that it's the ego  
That's constantly polluting my consciousness  
So ingrained in my brain that I can barely even acknowledge it  
It's the ego  
That makes the present moment jet lagged  
I said it's the ego  
That has me trippin about the next man  
You know that it's the ego  
That makes me not go to the front  
Of the show 'cause the performers have exactly what I want

I'm so cool  
 F'real?  
 No dude, I'm serious spit it different and if you just flow too  
 I'll listen lookin for glitches and rip 'em to shove improve  
 That my rhythm's a little bit more intricate, just to boost  
 My ego  
 Is so evil  
 Threatened by so many different kinds of people  
 It seems that if you're goin' through somethin' and life is feelin' uncomfortable  
 The immediate place you go is to your ego to comfort you  
 When Boom Bap got signed  
 I hated on him  
 When Grayskul got signed  
 I hated on him  
 And that's hard to admit  
 But since I'm really bein' honest  
 I wanted to be one of the first to make it as a Northwest rap artist  
 Instead of takin it as a plus for my region  
 I took it as a cut to my dreams of makin' it out of this political scene of Northwest haters  
 To be next I guess I'm just like them  
 Jealous of who's taking that step It's the ego  
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 Of the show 'cause the performers have exactly what I want Now everybody got one but people  
 tryin' to front  
 Claimin that they on the humble but cocky  
 Now it comes up when we judge  
 Or are threatened by someone  
 But everyone still be like 'man that's not me'  
 Now let me break it down son  
 It's only a lack of love for ourselves  
 Cause we're submerged in 'I gotta be'  
 The best or number one  
 But it's just that we don't trust  
 In our heart and that's what stops me  
 It's the ego

