

"I'm doing this for the kid who truly leads a 'thug life' and thinks it's HOPELESS." - Tupac

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"Hip Hop was supposed to be this new thing that had no boundaries and was so different to everyday music. As long as it has soul to it, hip hop can live on." - Tupac Shakur

"Of course I'm going to say "I'm a thug" that's because I came from the GUTTER and I'm still HERE!" – Tupac Shakur

"If we're all saying that rap is an art form then we gotta be more responsible for our lyrics. If you see everybody dying because of what you're saying, it don't matter that you didn't make them die, it just matters that you didn't save them." – Tupac Shakur

"I know it seems hard sometimes but remember one thing. Through every dark night, theres a bright day after that. So no matter how hard it get, stick your chest out, keep ya head up.... and handle it." – Tupac Shakur

"I set goals, take control, drink out my own bottle, I make mistakes but learn from every one, And when it's said and done, I bet this brother be a better one, If I upset you don't stress, Never forget, that God isn't finished with me yet" – Tupac Shakur

"During your life, never stop dreaming. No one can take away your dreams" - Tupac Shakur

"Why am I fighting to live, if I'm just living to fight, Why am I trying to see, when there aint nothing in sight, Why am I trying to give, when no one gives me a try, Why am I dying to live, if I'm just living to die? someone tell me y" – Tupac Shakur

"God, When I was alone, and had nothing, I asked for a friend to help me bear the pain, No one came, except God, When I needed a breath to rise, from my sleep, No one could help me.. except God, When all I saw was sadness, and I needed answers, No one heard me, except God, So when I'm asked.. who I give my unconditional love to? I look for no other name, except

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God" - Tupac Shakur

"There should be a class on apartheid. There should be a class on why people are hungry, but there are not. There are classes on...gym. Physical Education." – Tupac Shakur

"Hell, no. There's nobody in the business strong enough to scare me." (When asked whether he went to Death Row Records for protection.) – Tupac Shakur

"Yellow M&M's don't move with green M&M's. I mean, you don't put M&M's peanuts with M&M's plain." (On the possibility of a Bad Boy/Death Row collaboration.) — Tupac Shakur

"Well, the first two days in prison, I had to go through what life is like when you've been smoking weed for as long as I have and then you stop. Emotionally, it was like I didn't know myself." – Tupac Shakur

"I don't have no fear of death. My only fear is coming back reincarnated." - Tupac Shakur

"In my death, people will understand what I was talking about." - Tupac Shakur

"A coward dies a thousand deaths. A soldier dies but once." - Tupac Shakur

"June 16, 1971, mama gave birth to a Hell rasing heavenly son." - Tupac Shakur

"My first words was thug for life and papa pass the mack" - Tupac Shakur

"To me, I am the hardest Nigga out there cause I am real I cry when I need to but I am real" -

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"What of fame? Everybody knows your name: never again are you alone." - Tupac Shakur

"The people made me from the littlest crack head to the biggest baller so if i am bad its because of the bay and if i am good its because of the bay" – Tupac Shakur

"When I die and they come for me bury me a g." - Tupac Shakur

"I didn't introduce thug life to America. Thug life is America. I don't get why the whole world is fearing me. I am scared, but so are they. It's like I am having a panic attack cause I have 15,000 people wanting to do what I want, listing to everything I say." — Tupac Shakur

"I am crazy, but you know what else: I don't give a fuck." - Tupac Shakur

"I'm 100 percent original, and that's what got me here. My rap music is more understandable, slower. It tells a story. You can write a book on each of my thoughts." – Tupac Shakur

"i was raised in this society so theres no way you can expect me to be a perfect person iam gonna do whatever i like i am not a rolemodel. Niggas Talk a lot of shit but thats after we're gone --cuz they fear us the physical form let it be known--we troublesome... " – Tupac Shakur

"You dont know me, you just met me, well if i couldnt have it..silly rabbit, why ya sweat me" – Tupac Shakur

"The Only Thing That Comes to A Sleeping Man is Dreams" - Tupac Shakur

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"There's gonna be some stuff u gonna see that's gonna make it hard To smile in the future, but through whatever you see, Through all the rain and all the pain, you gotta keep your sense of humor. you gotta be able to smile through all this bullshit" — Tupac Shakur

"Let me say for the record, I am not a gangster and never have been. I'm not the thief who grabs your purse.I'm not the guy who jacks your car. I'm not down with the people who steal and hurt others. I'm just a brother who fight back." – Tupac Shakur

"EVEN THOUGH I'M MARKED FOR DEATH, I'MA SPARK TILL I LOSE MY BREATH" – Tupac Shakur

"Money gone, fuck friends, i need a homie that know me when all these mothafuckin cops be on me." - Tupac Shakur

"NOW I'M TRAPPED IN THA MOTHERFUCKIN' STORM" - Tupac Shakur

"Everybody's at war with different things...I'm at war with my own heart sometimes". – Tupac Shakur

"All good niggers, all the niggers who change the world, die in violence. They don't die in regular ways." – Tupac Shakur (in Details magazine interview, spring 1996.)

"Reality is wrong. Dreams are for real." - Tupac Shakur

"I believe that everything that you do bad comes back to you. So everything that I do that's bad, I'm going to suffer from it. But in my mind, I believe what I'm doing is right. So I feel like I'm going to heaven." — Tupac Shakur

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"I put the pistol by my head, and say a prayer. I see visions of me dead, Lord are you there?" -Tupac Shakur "Live by the gun die by the gun." - Tupac Shakur "Oh Lord, help me change my ways, Show a little mercy on judgement day, It aint me I was raised this way, Never let em' play me for a busta, Makin' hell for a huslter." - Tupac Shakur "A coward dies a thousand deaths; A soldier dies but once." – Tupac Shakur "I'd rather die like a man than live like a coward." - Tupac Shakur "I'm just as guilty for not doing anything as I am for doing things. Not with case (the 1994 sexual abuse conviction), but just my life. I was so scared of this responsibility that I was running away from it. But I see now that whether I show up for work or not, the evil forces are going to be at me. They're going to come 100 percent." - Tupac Shakur "Imperfection is inherited, therefore we all sin, but fighting the war of sin is the greatest war of all because we all die in the end no matter how hard we fight." - Tupac Shakur "When my Heart Can Beat No More I hope die for a principal or a belief that I have lived for" -Tupac Shakur "Even though i'm marked for death, i'm a spark till i lose my breath" - Tupac Shakur "Only God can judge me." - Tupac Shakur

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"I thought I had friends but in the end n*iggaz dies lonely." - Tupac Shakur

"Picture Me Rollin" - Tupac Shakur

"We talk a lot about Malcom X and Martin Luther King JR, but It's time to be like them, as strong as them. They were mortal men like us and everyone of us can be like them. I don't want to be a role model. I just want to be someone who says, this is who i am, this is what i do. I say what's on my mind." – Tupac Shakur

"The only thing America respects is power and power concedes nothing. After the LA Riots, they tried to calm us down and nothing changed since." – Tupac Shakur

"I am societies child, this is how they made me, and now im sayin what's on my mind and they dont want that. This is what you made me America." – Tupac Shakur

"Though are hands are chained like they are, they haven't taken music from us yet. So that's how I'll fight. People tell me don't quit like everyone else. I wont have no fear." – Tupac Shakur

"The only thing that comes to a sleeping man is dreams." - Tupac Shakur

"The american dream wasn't meant for me, cause lady liberty's a hypocrite she lied to me, promised me freedom, education, and equality never gave me nothing but slavery but now look at how dangerous you made me callin me a mad man because im strong and bold." – Tupac Shakur

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"Let the Lord judge the criminals." - Tupac Shakur

"Life's a wheel of fortune and it's my chance to spin it." - Tupac Shakur

"Support me... If you don't understand me don't write about me" - Tupac Shakur

"Suge is the boss of Death Row, the don, you understand? But im the underboss, the capo. That's my job to what's best for Death Row" – Tupac Shakur

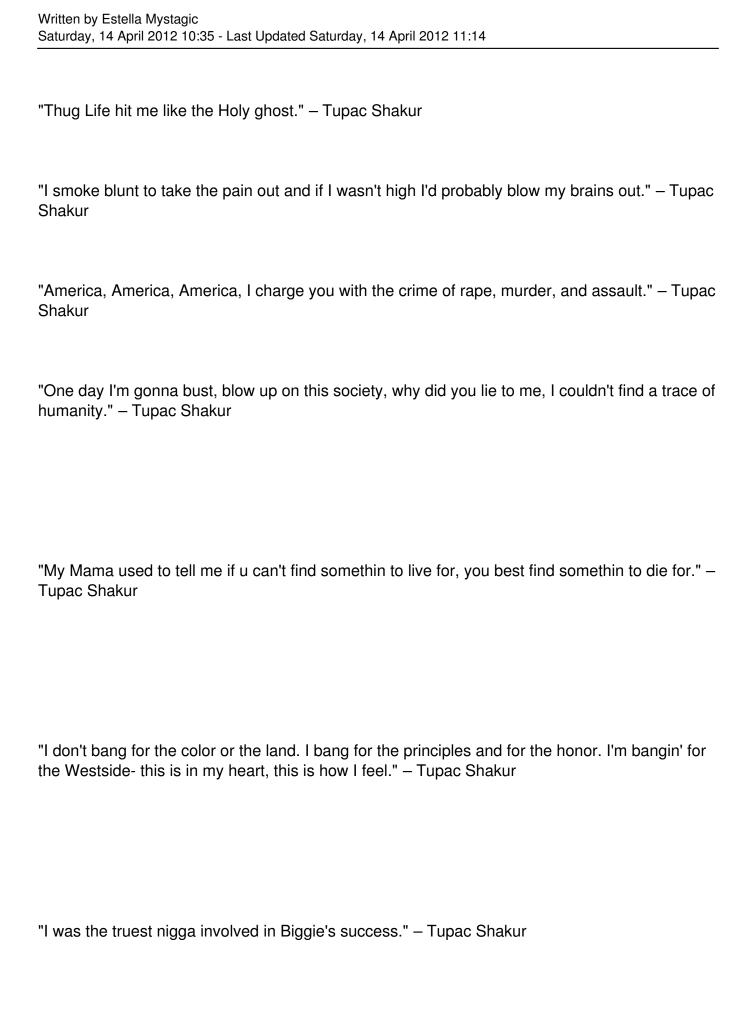
"I never thought I was the best rapper the best nothing'. I think I'm the realist nigga out there" – Tupac Shakur

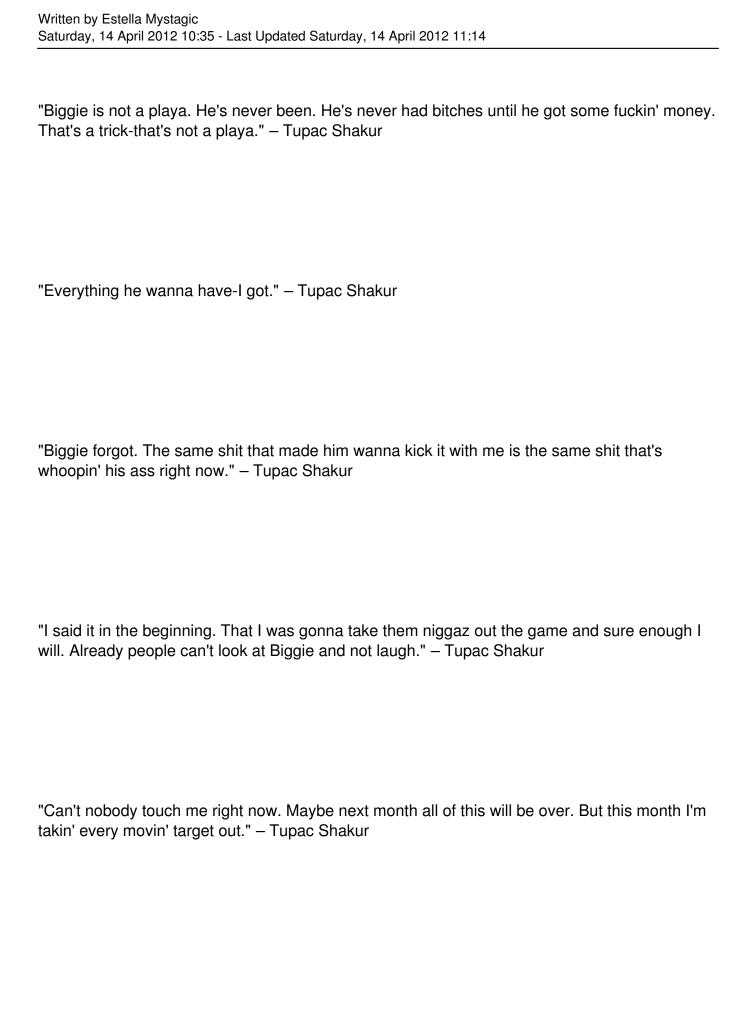
"People might be, like, 'This niggas conceited,' but fuck it. I feel like I shine. And I don't give a fuck how many white people, the Media, black people, playa haters, police, whoever, try to darken my shine, Im'a always shine through" – Tupac Shakur

"All I can say is I always try to be a real nigga in my heart. Sometimes its good, sometimes it's bad; but its still us. Its never to hurt anybody" – Tupac Shakur

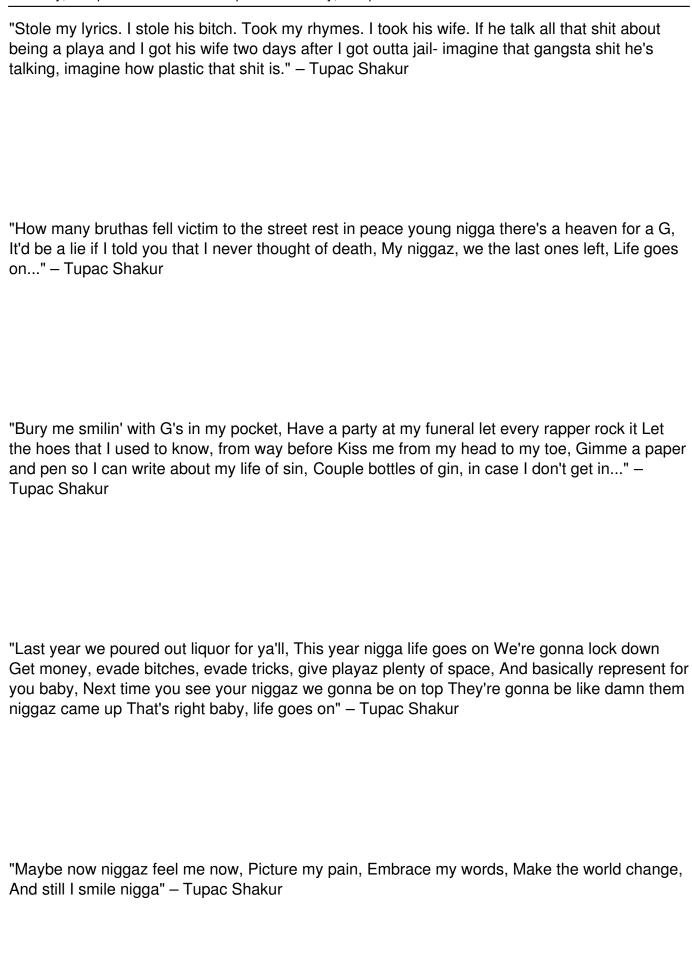
"I truly believe I've been blessed by God, and God walks with me" - Tupac Shakur

"If you walked by a street and you was walking a concrete and you saw a rose growing from concrete, even if it had messed up petals and it was a little to the side you would marvel at just seeing a rose grow through concrete. So way is it that when you see some ghetto kid grow out of the dirtiest circumstance and he can talk and he can sit across the room and make you cry, make you laugh, all you can talk about is my dirty rose, my dirty stems and how am leaning crooked to the side, u can't even see that I've come up from out of that" — Tupac Shakur



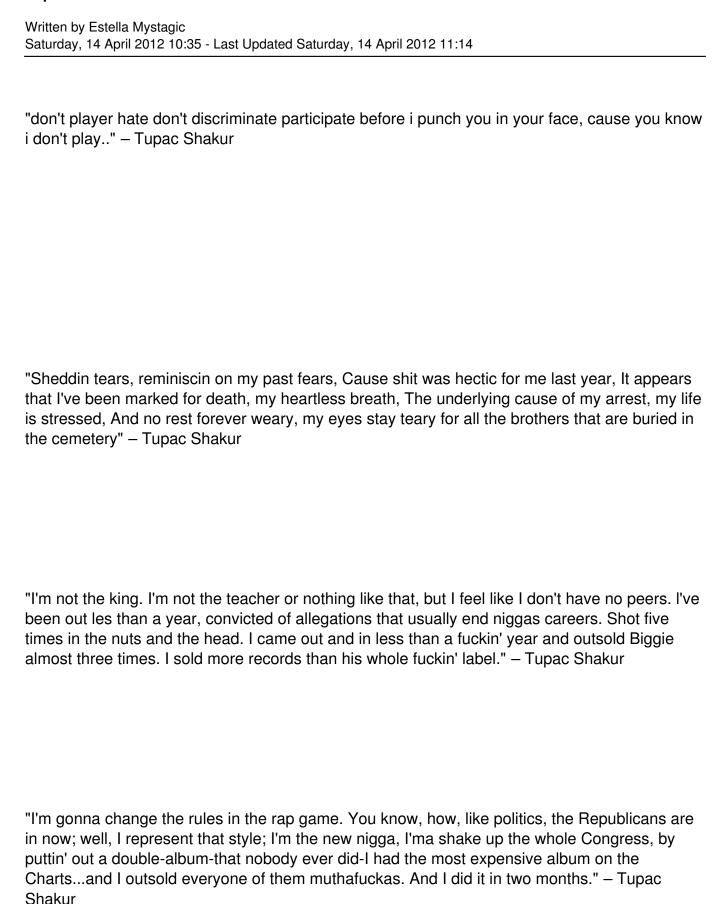


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"Dangerous and ambitious while schemin' on gettin' riches. I'm spittin' at tricks cuz I'm addicted to pretty bitches. motivated, not easily terminated, Now that we made it, my niggaz can never be faded. This is my prophecy, I gotta be paid, All you cowards that try to stop me is beggin' for early graves I thought we was cool I was a fool. Thinkin' you could be true, when I don't fuck with your punk crew" - Tupac Shakur "Your body is bangin' baby I love it when you flaunt it Time to give it to daddy nigga now tell me how you want it." - Tupac Shakur I heard a rumor I died, Murdered in cold blood dramatized, Pictures of me in my final state, You know mama cried, But that was fiction, Some coward got the story twisted, Like I no longer existed, Mysteriously missin, I'm known worldwide baby, I ain't hard to find" - Tupac Shakur "Now on this ride there's gonna be some real muthafuckas and there is gonna be some pussies. Now the real niggaz are gonna be the ones with money and bitches, The pussies are gonna be the niggaz on the floor bleedin'. Now everybody keep you eyez on the prize cuz the ride gets tricky. See you got some niggaz on your side, That say they your friends but in real life they your enemies And then you got some muthafuckas that say they your enemies, But in real life those niggaz will be the snitches, It's a dirty game ya'll, Ya'll gotta be careful about who you fuck with and who you don't fuck with, Cuz the shit get wild ya'll, Keep your mind on your riches baby, Keep your mind on your riches." - Tupac Shakur



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"The real tragedy is that there are some ignorant brothers out here. That's why I'm not on this all-White or all Black shit. I'm on this all-real or all fake shit with people, whatever color you are Because niggaz will do you. I mean, there's some [foul] niggaz out there [in the streets]; the same niggaz that did Malcolm X, the same niggaz that did Jesus Christ- every brother ain't a brother. They will do you. So just because it's Black, don't mean it's cool. And just because it's White don't mean it's evil." – Tupac Shakur
"To me, I feel that my game is strong. I feel as thought I'm a shining prince, just like Malcolm, and I feel that all of us are shining princes, and if we live like princes, then whatever we want can be ours. Anything." – Tupac Shakur
"There ain't nothin' like a Black woman." – Tupac Shakur
"My music is not for everyone. It's only for the stong-willed, the [street] soldiers music. It's not like party music- I mean, you could gig to it, but it's spiritual. My musi is spiritual. It's like Negro spiituals, except for the fact that I'm not saying 'We shall Overcome.' I'm saying that we are overcome." — Tupac Shakur
"I remember crying all the time. My major thing growing up was I couldn't fit in. Because I was from everywhere, I didn't have no buddies that I grew up withEvery time I had to go to a new

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apartment, I had to reinvent myself, myself. People think just because you born in the ghetto you gonna fit in. A little twist in your life and you don't fit in no matter what. If they push you out of the hood and the White people's world, that's criminal...Hell, I felt like my could be destroyed at any moment." – Tupac Shakur

"We are in the midst of a very dangerous, non-productive, self-destructive civil war. And it's not just rap shit. It's ideals. And this rap shit is just bringin' it to a head. The East Coast believe one thing, and the West Coast believer one thing. The East Coast got one way of life, the West Coast got another way of life, it always co-existed. We're coming to the turn of the century where we gotta mash together. But we can only do it one way, one style. And that's what we're trying to figure out now, and I think the world is watching that." – Tupac Shakur

"To me, it reall y troubling because I took ouver at that's successful- Marky Mark, Hammer, Vanilla Ice, New Kids On The Block selling twenty-two million copies, and I want that [kind of success] so badly, but I can't do that. I would be wrong to do that, knowing what I know and having the brain that I have, for me to even go and write some simple shit would be wrong even though I would get paid and I would get more people's money. I would rather leave something so that when people pick up 2pacalypse Now or any of my other albums in 1999, they'll go, Damn! Brothers had it hard back in the day, but brother were working it out." — Tupac Shakur

"Gangsta Rap is dead. I've moved on. And the raps that I'm rappin to my community shouldn't be filled with rage? They shouldn't be filled with same attrocities that they gave me? The media they don't talk about it, so in my raps I have to talk about it, and it seems foreign because there's no one else talking about it." – Tupac Shakur

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If you know in this hotel room they have food every day and I knock on the door. Every day they open tha door to let me see tha party, let me see that they throwin' salami, throwin' food around telling me there's no food. Every day. I'm standing outside tryin to sing my way in- "We are weak, please let us in. We're week, please let us in." After about a week tha song is gonna change to, "We're hungry, we need some food." After two, three weeks it's like "Give me some of tha food! I'm breakin down tha door." After a year it's like, "I'm pickin' the lock, comin' through the door blastin." It's like, "I'm hungry." — Tupac Shakur

You reached your level, you don't want any more. We asked ten years ago, we were askin' with the Panthers, we were askin' in the Civil Rights Movement. Now those who were askin' are
all dead or in jail, wo what are we gonna do? And we shouldn't be angry!?" - Tupac Shakur
I guarantee if people keep mmsupportin' meJust buying my records, goin to my concerts, ust supporting meI'ma keep givin' moneyLike Makaveli, every time it go platinum, I'm butting money up for community centers." – Tupac Shakur

"And now i'm like a major threat, 'Cause I remind you of the things you were made to forget." – Tupac Shakur

"There's no way I can pay ya back, but my plan is to show ya that I understand." – Tupac Shakur



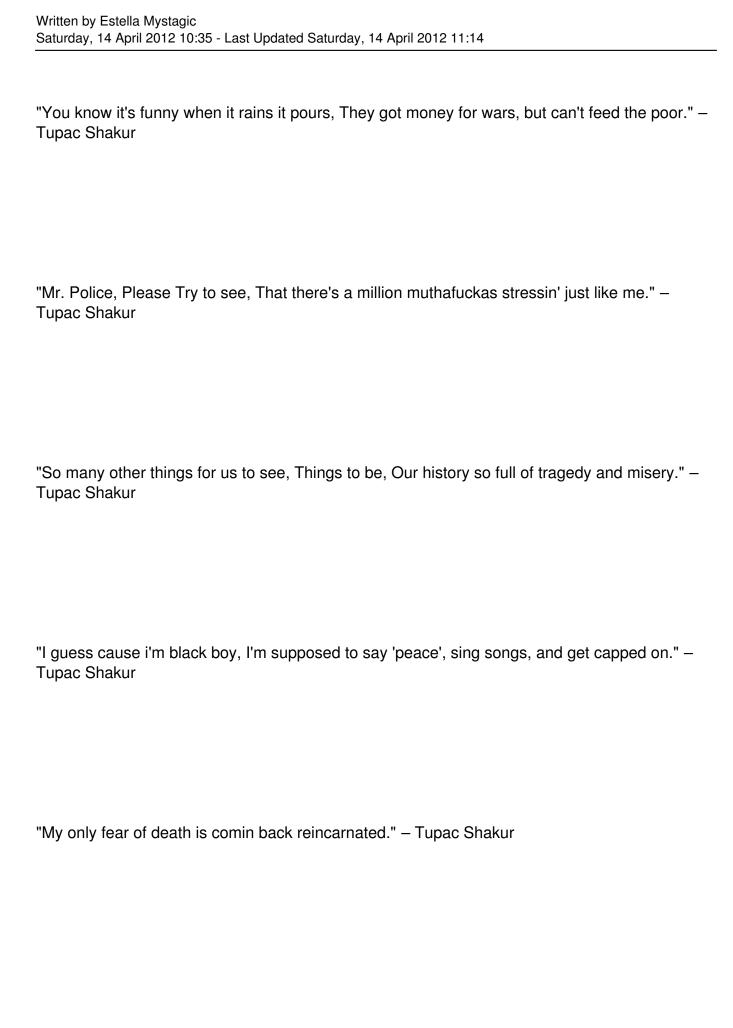
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"This is my prophecy, I gotta be paid, All you cowards that try to stop me is beggin' for early graves, I thought we was cool I was a fool, Thinkin' you could be true, when I don't fuck with your punk crew." – Tupac Shakur

"Fuck the fame, I still won't change, are you still down?" - Tupac Shakur

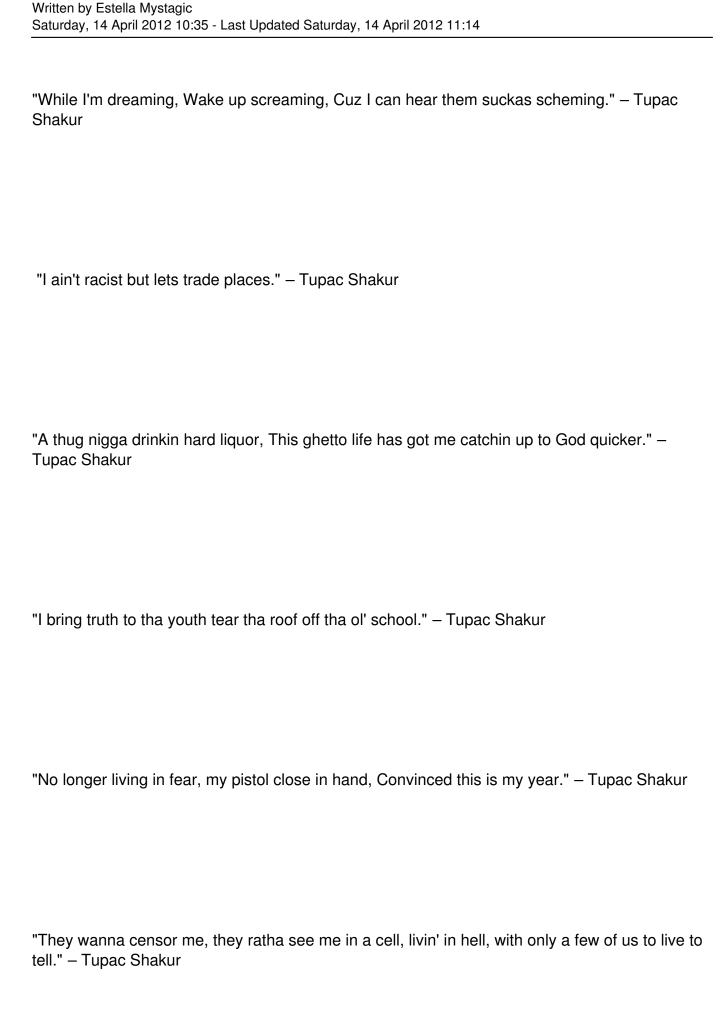
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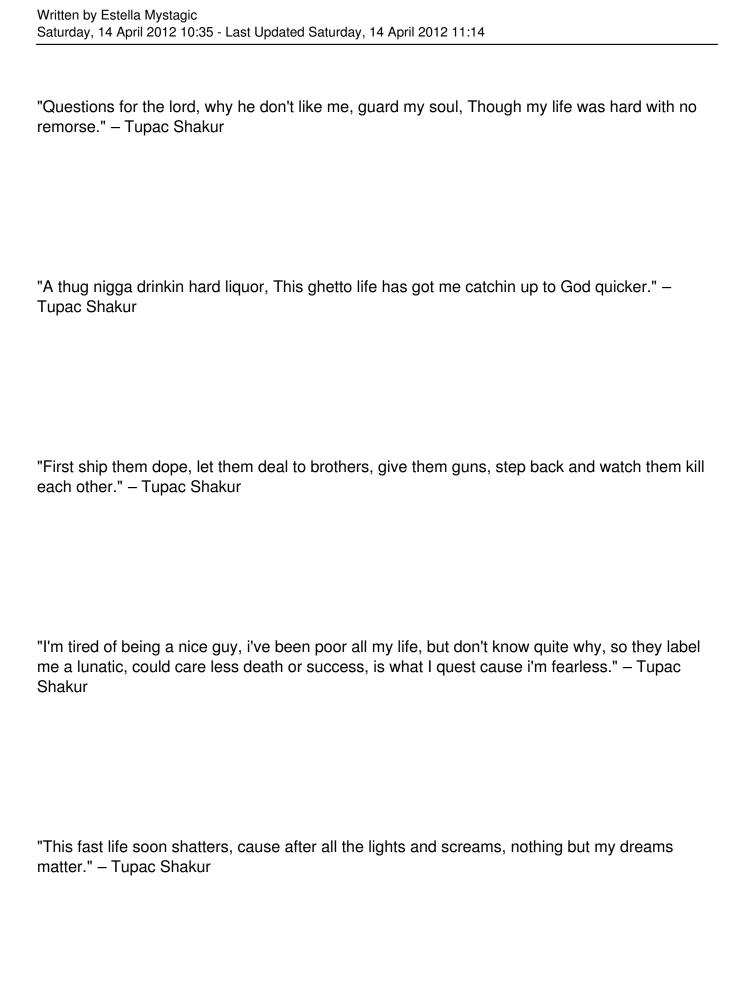


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"They should've shot me when I was born, Now I'm trapped in the muthafuckin' storm." – Tupac Shakur
"We ain't meant to survive, cause it's a setup, And even though you're fed up, Huh, ya got to keep your head up." – Tupac Shakur
"It's kinda hard to be optimistic, When your homies lying dead on the pavement twisted." – Tupac Shakur
"They say it's the white man I should fear, But it's my own kind doin' all the killin' here." – Tupac Shakur
"I'm tired of being a nice guy, I've been poor all my life, but don't know quite why." – Tupac Shakur
"I struggle to be rugged and raw dude, trying to survive in the trials and lawsuits, Everybody



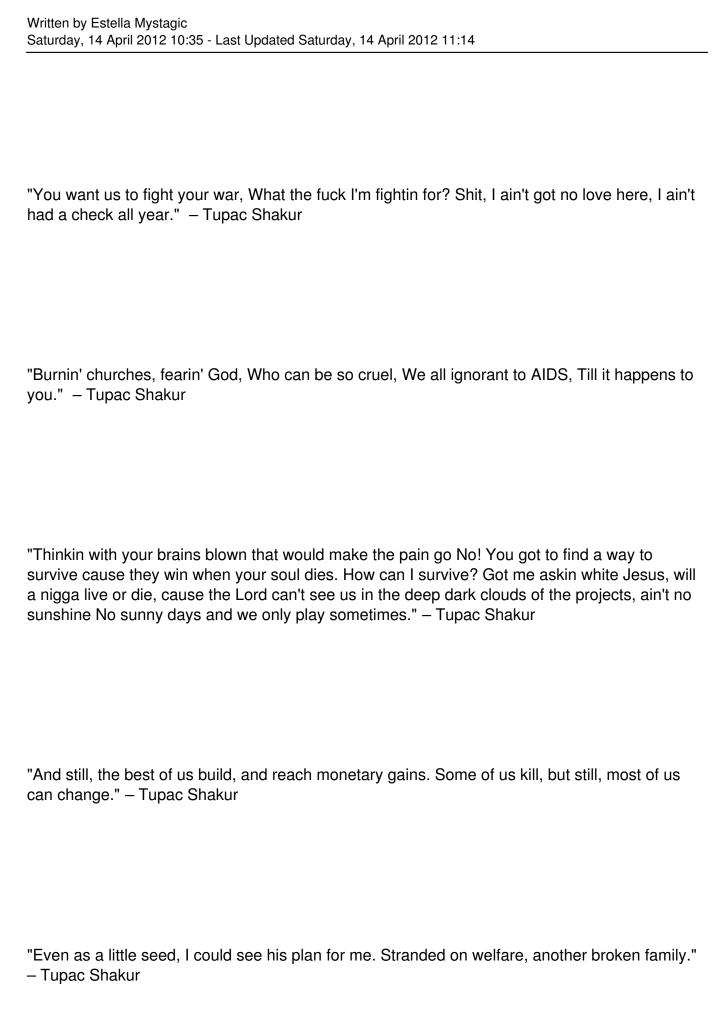


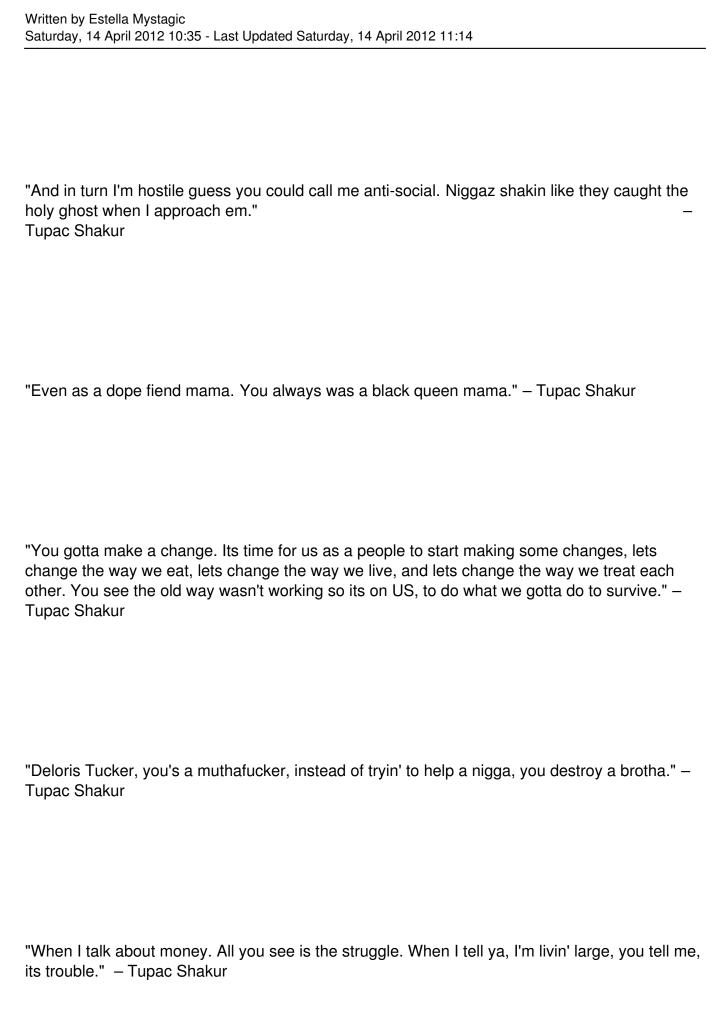




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"Stabbin for a fee, it gets hard on the fuckin streets, It's like a madness, fuck making gravy, I rhyme and do crimes, cuz either way pays me A little rough with a hardcore theme, Couldn't rough something rougher in your dreams." – Tupac Shakur
"As far as jealousy, being a celebrity, No matter who committed the crime, they all yell at me. And the media is greedier than most. You could sell em your soul and they'll be on ya till a nigga's a ghost. And everyday I read the paper, there's another lie. They show my picture for the crimes of another guy." — Tupac Shakur
"Never surrender, it's all about the faith you got don't ever stop, just push it til you hit the top and if you drop, at least you know you gave your all be true to you, and that way you can never fall." — Tupac Shakur
"Money made me evil, court cases got me stressed Niggaz aimin at my head but I still wear my vest." – Tupac Shakur

"Now I was born alone, took my first joint and I got high alone Now I'm an Outlaw nigga, I never die alone. Tupac Shakur Down to die, for everything I represent, Meant every word, in my letter to the President." – Tupac Shakur

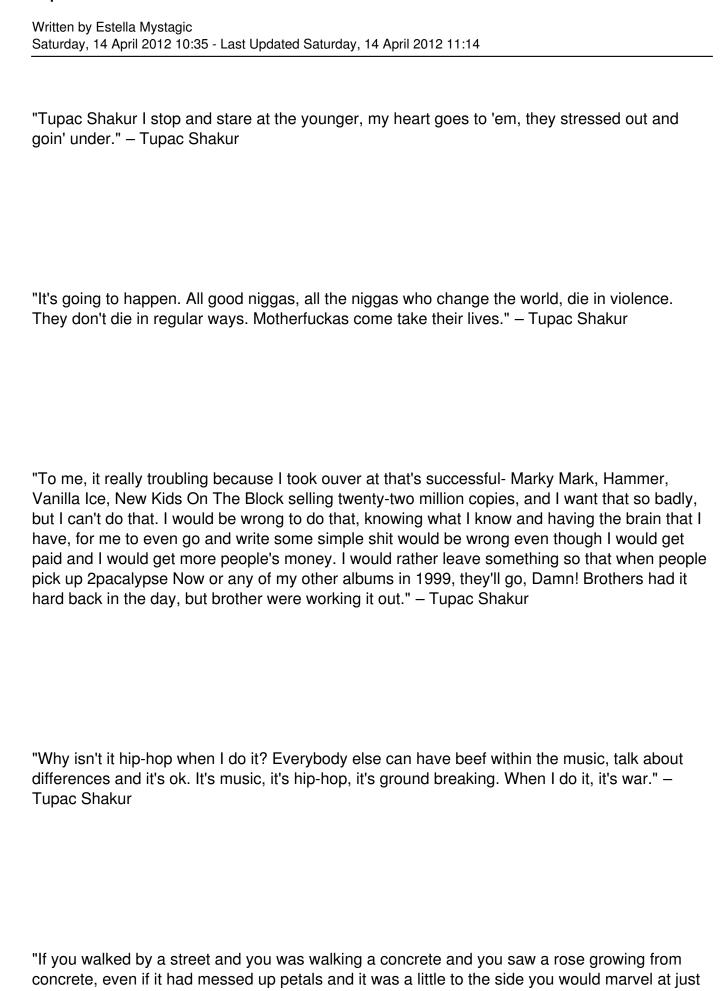






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"United we stand divided we fall. They can shoot one nigga. But they can't take us all." – Tupac Shakur
"Cause if God wrote the Bible, I'm sure there would have been a revised copy by now. Cause a lot of shit has changed. I've been looking for this revised copy. I still see that same old copy that we had from then. I'm not disrespecting anyone's religion, please forgive me if it comes off that way, I'm just stating my opinion." — Tupac Shakur
"Bill Clinton, Mr. Bob Dole, You too old to understand tha way tha game is told." – Tupac Shakur
"I can't give up. It's a rap thang. And I ain't goin back to the crack game." – Tupac Shakur
"I'm in jail now, but I'm free. My mind is free. The only time I have problems is when I sleep." – Tupac Shakur

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"That which does not kill me can only make me stronger." – Tupac Shakur
"If we really are saying that rap is an art form, then we got to be more responsible for our lyrics. If you see everybody dying because of what you are saying, it dont matter that you didnt make them die, it just matters that you didnt save them." — Tupac Shakur
"But I see now that whether I show up for work or not, the evil forces are going to beat me. They're going to come 100 percent, so if I dont be 100 percent pure-hearted, I'm going to lose. And thats why I'm losing." – Tupac Shakur
"How many niggas want to be involved, see I was only talking Biggie, but I'll kill all of y'all." – Tupac Shakur
"And did you ever stop to think that I'm old enough to go to war but I aint old enough to drink." - Tupac Shakur



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seeing a rose grow through concrete. So way is it that when you see some ghetto kid grow out of the dirtiest circumstance and he can talk and he can sit across the room and make you cry, make you laugh, all you can talk about is my dirty rose, my dirty stems and how am leaning crooked to the side, u can't even see that I've come up from out of that." – Tupac Shakur
"I smoke blunt to take the pain out and if I wasn't high I'd probably blow my brains out." – Tupac Shakur
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"Expose foes wit my hocus pocus flows, they froze now suckas idolize my chosen blows" – Tupac Shakur
"Should we cry when the pope dies, my request we should cry if they cried when we buried Malcom X" - Tupac Shakur

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