Misunderstood

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Standard Written English for those who didn't know
How we speak shouldn't be how we write but how we write should be how we speak
Excluding my block, the whole hood and also me
No, no, no, Jimmy you can't write like that
Why not?
It's not academic
It's I understand
Not I feel you
It's the same?
They won't get it.
But I get it

You "saw" it
I "seent" it
You "want" it
I'm "feening"
We're saying the same shit
Stop acking like there are two different meanings
Your mind's in a disarray
Well, me, I'm buggin
The crips, the bloods, or any sketchy group of 3
They gotta be thugging
These niggas up to no good b
In the streets mean mugging
You ever thought maybe they're just living
Better yet just surviving
Because being Black in America
Is like living on an island
Especially when you drop the phonics
And opt for Ebonics.

But I'm eloquent
Just trapped in an entanglement with this language man
I gotta use big words to showcase my intelligence? Nah b what I speak is hella relevant
So I ask you, why am I linguistically irrelevant?
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