

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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