

This Is America, Childish Gambino, May 2018

[Intro: Choir]

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
Yeah, yeah, yeah, go, go away
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
Yeah, yeah, yeah, go, go away
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
Yeah, yeah, yeah, go, go away
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
Yeah, yeah, yeah, go, go away

[Bridge: Childish Gambino & Young Thug]

We just wanna party
Party just for you
We just want the money
Money just for you (yeah)
I know you wanna party
Party just for free
Girl, you got me dancin' (girl, you got me dancin')
Dance and shake the frame (yeah)
We just wanna party (yeah)
Party just for you (yeah)
We just want the money (yeah)
Money just for you (you)
I know you wanna party (yeah)
Party just for free (yeah)
Girl, you got me dancin' (girl, you got me dancin', yeah)
Dance and shake the frame (ooh)

[Chorus: Childish Gambino]

This is America
Don't catch you slippin' now*
Don't catch you slippin' now
Look what I'm whippin' now
This is America (woo)
Don't catch you slippin' now
Don't catch you slippin' now
Look what I'm whippin' now*

[Verse 1: Childish Gambino, Blocboy JB, Slim Jxmmi, Young Thug & 21 Savage]

This is America (skrrt, skrrt, woo)
Don't catch you slippin' now (ayy)
Look how I'm livin' now
Police be trippin' now* (woo)
Yeah, this is America (woo, ayy)
Guns in my area (word, my area)
I got the strap (ayy, ayy)
I gotta carry 'em
Yeah, yeah, I'ma go into this (ugh)
Yeah, yeah, this is guerilla (woo)
Yeah, yeah, I'ma go get the bag
Yeah, yeah, or I'ma get the pad*
Yeah, yeah, I'm so cold like, yeah (yeah)
I'm so dope* like, yeah (woo)
We gon' blow like, yeah (straight up, uh)

[Refrain: Choir & Childish Gambino]

Ooh-ooh-ooh-ooh-ooh, tell somebody
You go tell somebody
Grandma told me
Get your money, Black man (get your—lack man)
Get your money, Black man (get your—Black man)
Get your money, Black man (get your—Black man)
Get your money, Black man (get your—Black man)
Black man

[Chorus: Childish Gambino, Slim Jxmmi & Young Thug]

This is America (woo, ayy)
Don't catch you slippin' now (woo, woo, don't catch you slippin' now)

Don't catch you slippin' now (ayy, woah)
Look what I'm whippin' now (Slime!)
This is America (yeah, yeah)
Don't catch you slippin' now (woah, ayy)
Don't catch you slippin' now (ayy, woo)
Look what I'm whippin' now (ayy)

[Verse 2: Childish Gambino, Quavo, Young Thug & 21 Savage]

Look how I'm geekin' out (hey)
I'm so fitted (I'm so fitted, woo)
I'm on Gucci (I'm on Gucci)
I'm so pretty (yeah, yeah)
I'm gon' get it (ayy, I'm gon' get it)
Watch me move (blaow)
This a celly* (ha)
That's a tool* (yeah)
On my Kodak (woo, Black)
Ooh, know that (yeah, know that, hold on)
Get it (get it, get it)
Ooh, work it (21)
Hunnid bands*, hunnid bands, hunnid bands (hunnid bands)
Contraband, contraband, contraband (contraband)
I got the plug in Oaxaca (woah)
They gonna find you like "blocka"* (blaow)

[Refrain: Choir, Childish Gambino, & Young Thug]

Ooh-ooh-ooh-ooh-ooh, tell somebody
America, I just checked my following list, and—You go tell
somebody—You mothaf***** owe* me
Grandma told me
Get your money, Black man (Black man)
Get your money, Black man (Black man)
Get your money, Black man (Black man)
Get your money, Black man (Black man)
Black man
(1, 2, 3—get down)
Ooh-ooh-ooh-ooh-ooh, tell somebody
You go tell somebody
Grandma told me, "Get your money"
Get your money, Black man (Black man)
Get your money, Black man (Black man)
Get your money, Black man (Black man)
Get your money, Black man (Black man)
Black man

[Outro: Young Thug]

You just a black man in this world
You just a barcode, ayy
You just a black man in this world
Drivin' expensive foreign*, ayy
You just a big dog, yeah
I kenneled* him in the backyard
No, probably ain't life to a dog
For a big dog

Toolbox: Don't catch you slippin' now: Ne te fais pas avoir par surprise, Look what I'm whippin' now: Regarde ce que je suscite, Police be trippin' now: La police est en train de commettre des bavures, pad [here]: compresse, dope [here] = stupid, celly = cell phone, tool [here] = gun, Hunnid bands: liasses [billets], "blocka" = sound of shooting so here "dead", owe: devoir de l'argent, foreign = foreign cars, kennel: mettre dans un chenil