You Ain't Gotta Lie (Momma Said)

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Study long, study wrong, nigga Hey, y'all close that front door, ya'll let flies in this motherfucker Close that door! My OG up in this motherfucker right now My pops man with the bottle of Hennessy in his hand, acting a fool Hey, hey, babe check it out, Imma tell you what my mama had said, she like:I could spot you a mile away I could see your insecurities written all on your face So predictable your words, I know what you gonna say Who you foolin'? Oh, you assuming you can just come and hang With the homies but your level of realness ain't the same Circus acts only attract those that entertain Small talk, we know that it's all talk We live in the Laugh Factory every time they mention your name Askin' "where the hoes at?" to impress me Askin' "where the moneybags?" to impress me Say you got the burner stashed to impress me It's all in your head, homie Askin' "where the plug at?" to impress me Askin' "where the juug at?" to impress me Askin' "where it's at?" only upsets me You sound like the feds, homieYou ain't gotta lie to kick it, my nigga You ain't gotta lie, you ain't gotta lie You ain't gotta lie to kick it, my nigga You ain't gotta try so hard You ain't gotta lie to kick it, my nigga You ain't gotta lie, you ain't gotta lie You ain't gotta lie to kick it, my nigga You ain't gotta try so hard And the world don't respect you And the culture don't accept you But you think it's all love And the girls gon' neglect you once your parody is done Repetition can't protect you if you never had one Jealousy (complex), emotional (complex) Self-pity (complex), under oath (complex) The loudest one in the room, nigga, that's a complex Let me put it back in proper contextYou ain't gotta lie to kick it, my nigga You ain't gotta lie, you ain't gotta lie You ain't gotta lie to kick it, my nigga You ain't gotta try so hard You ain't gotta lie to kick it, my nigga

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