Quiet Rebels: Hackney Young People's Song
Recorded with young people at Hackney Quest, autumn 2023
Mixing: Awate

I like to kick ball
I like to eat food
I don't like people that are very very rude
I like to stay true
How about you?
I hold in my feelin'...
When I'm not in the mood

I stay on the court to ignore my thoughts
Thankful for my parents
For all the things that they bought

I'm Ghanaian, an' I speak Twi
Don't worry about me
I'm fly and I'm free
This world don't know about me
Watch out
I'll show you my destiny!

I like Nutella
I'm in Mandela
That's my form class
When it rains wear umbrellas

'Ey, 'ey, 'ey, 'ey... (laughter)

Yeah, yeah!

School's hard
I'm in my yard
Tournament out loud
So no red cards!

Large dreams
So my knockin'
When I'm broken on sheesh
See me noddin'

And the others that thought
I like to vibe
Show me respect
An' I head side to side,
Put me No treats,
Then' just watch me slide
Even if I fell, best know that I tried

Slayed, slayed, slayed...

My passion is to sleep
'Specially when it's really, really,
really, really deep
I love rent fires
an' party next door
Makes me feel like
I'm on the dance floor

I hate detention
Too many reasons to mention
I love makin' inventions
But don't mention
'cos I've got detention (repeat x4)

Yeah! yeah! yeah!

Hackney Quest is the best
I hate test
I would rather rest
I like school
But I know some fools
I'm Nigerian
Proud to be African
I love Maths
But I don't like fractions

I'm from Nigeria
And I love Joloff
I love parties
And I love a dance-off
I love music
An' I believe in God

I go to church
Just to praise the Lord

My name is Zack
I'm from Turkey
Stop to think
About the stuff you eat
Just know that
Everything isn't the truth
Everything isn't the truth
...isn't the truth

I'm Orlando
I come from Jamaica
I got a little sis
Her name is DeShawna
I love Jamaica
Coz it's very very sunny
And the people there are very very funny

I'm a Gooner
Arsenal banger
Star sign - cancer
Singer, rapper
When I'm vexed
I'm cold like winter
One long look
Will make you shiver
Here to deliver the truth, hmm
That's why I work with the youth, hmm
I'm here spittin' words in this booth, hmm

Reverse de tests with
Nice sense moves
I'm from Congo
I don't play the bongo
Good with my hands
See me on piano
Knock, knock, knock
No speakin' to Dee
'Cos she didn't think I had melody

Hello...
I'm Nigerian
I was born in Lagos
I love my Joloff
Like my Mother
I live in Hackney, true Eastender
Peace and Love is all that's needed
To bring real change
And end wars
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Yeah! Woah!

Manero, Manero
That's my name
I'm a solution chick
That doesn't miss a trick
I'm full of surprises
And that's no lie
'Cos if you know me,
I am fly!
Ye-eeah!
Manero, Manero
That's me, Yeah, that's me
Manero
Drum beat...