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## APPENDIX

(White America, *Eminem*, 2002)

*[Intro]*

*(The white zone is for immediate loading and unloading of passengers only, no  
parking)*

*America! Ha ha ha! We love you*

*How many people are proud to be citizens*

*Of this beautiful country of ours, the stripes and the stars*

*For the rights that men have died for to protect?*

*The women and men who have broke their necks*

*For the freedom of speech the United States government has sworn to uphold... or  
so we're told*

*(Yo, I want everybody to listen to the words of this song)*

*[Verse 1]*

*I never would've dreamed in a million years I'd see*

*So many motherfuckin' people who feel like me*

*Who share the same views and the same exact beliefs*

*It's like a fuckin' army marchin' in back of me*

*So many lives I touched, so much anger aimed*

*In no particular direction, just sprays and sprays*

*And straight through your radio waves, it plays and plays*

*'Til it stays stuck in your head for days and days*

*Who would've thought standin' in this mirror, bleachin' my hair*

*With some peroxide, reachin' for a t-shirt to wear*

*That I would catapult to the forefront of rap like this?*

*How could I predict my words would have an impact like this?*

*I must've struck a chord with somebody up in the office*

*'Cause Congress keep tellin' me I ain't causin' nothin' but problems*

*And now they're sayin' I'm in trouble with the government*

*I'm lovin' it, I shoveled shit all my life, and now I'm dumpin' it on*

*[Chorus]*

*White America, I could be one of your kids*

*White America, Little Eric looks just like this*

*White America, Erica loves my shit*

*I go to TRL, look how many hugs I get (Yo)*

*White America, I could be one of your kids*

*White America, Little Eric looks just like this*

*White America, Erica loves my shit*

*I go to TRL, look how many hugs I get*

*[Verse 2]*

*Look at these eyes, baby blue, baby just like yourself*

*If they were brown, Shady'd lose, Shady sits on the shelf*

*But Shady's cute, Shady knew Shady's dimples would help*

*Make ladies swoon, baby, Ooh, baby! Look at my sales*

*Let's do the math: If I was Black, I would've sold half*

*I ain't have to graduate from Lincoln High School to know that*

*But I could rap, so fuck school, I'm too cool to go back*

*Give me the mic, show me where the fuckin' studio's at*

*When I was underground, no one gave a fuck I was White*

*No labels wanted to sign me, almost gave up, I was like*

*"Fuck it," until I met Dre, the only one to look past*

*Gave me a chance and I lit a fire up under his ass*

*Helped him get back to the top, every fan Black that I got*

*Was probably his in exchange for every White fan that he's got*

*Like damn, we just swapped, sittin' back lookin' at shit, wow*

*I'm like my skin is it startin' to work to my benefit now? It's—*

*[Chorus]*

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*[Verse 3]*

*See, the problem is, I speak to suburban kids*

*Who otherwise would've never knew these words exist*

*Whose moms probably would've never gave two squirts of piss*

*'Til I created so much motherfuckin' turbulence*

*Straight out the tube, right into your livin' rooms I came*

*And kids flipped when they knew I was produced by Dre*

*That's all it took, and they were instantly hooked right in*

*And they connected with me too because I looked like them*

*That's why they put my lyrics up under this microscope*

*Searchin' with a fine tooth comb, it's like this rope*

*Waitin' to choke, tightenin' around my throat*

*Watchin' me while I write this, like, "I don't like this note!"*

*All I hear is: lyrics, lyrics, constant controversy*

*Sponsors workin' 'round the clock to try to stop my concerts early*

*Surely hip-hop was never a problem in Harlem, only in Boston*

*After it bothered the fathers of daughters startin' to blossom*

*So now I'm catchin' the flak from these activists when they raggin'*

*Actin' like I'm the first rapper to smack a bitch or say "faggot," shit*

*Just look at me like I'm your closest pal*

*The poster child, the motherfuckin' spokesman now, for—*

*[Chorus]*

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*[Outro]*

*So to the parents of America, I am the Derringer*

*Aimed at little Erica to attack her character*

*The ringleader of this circus of worthless pawns*

*Sent to lead the march right up to the steps of Congress*

*And piss on the lawns of the White House*

*To burn the \*galf\* and replace it with a Parental Advisory sticker*

*To spit liquor in the faces of this democracy of hypocrisy*

*Fuck you, Ms. Cheney! Fuck you, Tipper Gore!*

*Fuck you with the freest of speech this Divided States of Embarrassment will  
allow me to have! Fuck you!*

*Ha ha ha, I'm just playin', America*

*You know I love you*

(Tom Macdonald, *White Boy*, 2018)

*[Verse 1]*

*I cannot feel guilty for shit that I didn't do*

*But I can understand the reasons why you think that I should*

*Yeah, I'm white, but I never put your neck in no noose*

*And I never burnt a cross or hid my face with a hood*

*You can't just label me racist 'cause I'm related to people*

*Who did some terrible shit way back before I was alive*

*My parents brought me up to treat everyone as an equal*

*I refuse to feel ashamed 'cause of my pretty blue eyes*

*Fuck a Nazi, fuck a white supremacist*

*Fuck anyone who labels me as that because of my family genetics*

*The hatred for Caucasians is so fuckin' pathetic*

*Go be proud that you're black, but don't hate me for some credit*

*I'm not the white Devil, neo-Nazi, cop tryna pull the trigger*

*You can call me what you want but I'd still never say—*

*The white race as a whole ain't the enemy*

*There's racist white people but we're far from that collectively*

*[Chorus]*

*White boy, don't say that*

*White boy, oh, you so bad*

*White boy, you wish you were black*

*White boy, dear white boy*

*[Post-Chorus]*

*White boy, white noise*

*Sayin' shit I can't say with my white voice*

*White boys, white lies*

*Don't tell me how to see it through my white eyes*

*[Verse 2]*

*If a black man is sippin' on some Cognac sittin' next to me*

*I don't assume that every black's favorite drink is Hennessy*

*I don't dislike Tanesha 'cause her first name isn't Stephanie*

*Not only is that wrong, it's a fuckin' waste of energy*

*Ivory or ebony, forty-five or seventeen*

*We all bleed the same, Martin Luther King or Kennedy*

*They're angry I'm recitin' the facts*

*"He's white and he raps, he stole the culture right from the blacks*

*Okay, he's fire but we lit the flame, he's siphoning gas*

*So fuck this corny little honky, man, the whitey is wack"*

*You lettin' history perpetuate the hatred within*

*And then you paint me with the brush you painted slave owners with, yeah*

*[Chorus]*

*White boy, don't say that*

*White boy, oh, you so bad*

*White boy, you wish you were black*

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*[Verse 3]*

*I got a mother, a father, a sister, an auntie, and uncle*

*And a grandma that I picture when you're openly hatin'*

*And God willin' one day I'll have a kid of my own*

*I refuse to let you blindly hate my wife or my baby*

*So go ahead and hate the racists, I pray for their extinction*

*If you wanna hate the white people, just make a distinction*

*Between the ones who want the best for everyone regardless*

*And the ones who built the system just to smother you with hardship*

*So stop before you say it, I know what you been thinkin'*

*How's a straight white male in 2018 bitchin'?*

*You're makin' me the villain by demonizin' my race*

*For things I didn't do and decisions I didn't make*

*No one that I call a friend has ever owned a slave*

*And neither did our dads, or our dad's dads, fuck sakes*

*Acknowledging atrocities were wrongly committed*

*Is all that I can offer when I'm wrongly convicted*

*[Verse 4]*

*I would never hate a man for what God gave him in pigments*

*And I would never plot against him just because he is different*

*I would never judge a human for the cards he was given*

*Or call him lesser than myself 'cause of the race that he's mixed with*

*White people that you hate aren't your neighbors or lawyers*

*They're the Rockefellers, Rothschilds, Bushes, and royals*

*They're the people who monopolize the water and oil*

*And injected your communities with drugs so they spoiled*

*Got no patience for Nazis, I think they're better off dead*

*They're fightin' hatred with hatred makin' the hate more intense*

*I don't want nothin' to do with either side of the fence*

*So don't blindly attack me for wearin' braids on my head*

*Hate the people who believe you put yourselves in the ghetto*



*Hate the ones who teach they children you ain't shit 'cause they said so*

*Hate the ones who think you're all the same and judge you profusely*

*'Cause the way that you're portrayed on our news and in movies*

*[Bridge]*

*Bein' white and bein' racist aren't the same, man, I promise*

*Know it's hard to tell the difference if I'm just bein' honest*

*I deserve the chance to show you I'm not part of the problem*

*And you owe it to yourselves, we got so much in common*

*[Chorus]*

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*[Post-Chorus]*

*White boy, white noise*

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