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Best Rap Verses of 2021 (So Far)

Ranking the 25 best rap verses of the year (so far).

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We've arrived at almost exactly the midway point of 2021, which means it's time to rank rap verses again. After putting together lists of the year's best albums, songs, and music videos (so far), we turn our attention to bars. Who pulled off the best storytelling? Who weaved together the most double entendres? Who squeezed the most one-liners into a single verse, stopping Rap Twitter in its tracks? What verses are the most technically impressive, and which ones made the biggest impact? What verses will we remember a decade from now? With all these questions in mind, we put together this list of the best rap verses that have been released in the past six months. (In an effort to represent as many rappers as possible, we have limited the inclusions to one verse per artist.) Without further ado, these are Complex's picks for the 25 best rap verses of 2021 (so far).

9. Remble, "Gordon R Freestyle"



via YouTube

Verse: 1

We all love an artist whose music is an experience, and who can't easily fit on any old playlist or be played without someone taking notice of what the hell they're saying. One of 2021's most intriguing examples of that is San Pedro, California rapper Remble. When I Googled the Stinc Team MC for quick research, it said his age is "between 21 to 28," which is as hilarious as his viral "Gordon R Freestyle." Remble spits bars with a calm, exaggerated delivery that gives you the sense he knows that the seemingly simple act of enunciating is a novelty in 2021 rap. But it's not just presentation. He delivers bar after bar in his distinct cadence, before turning up a bit at the end and showing you he's no one-trick MC. The extended verse is at first funny and confounding, but then hilarious once you catch the groove of what he's doing. This is one of the wittiest, most unique verses of the year for sure. —Andre Gee