The Great Divide

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Intro:

(Yo! It's the great Divide, talkin' about long division. You can't stop me!)

Chorus:

The Great Divide is going to bring your numbers down, and down…(naw, we don't mess around)

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I am the Great Divide! From me you cannot hide! I make your numbers low! There's just nowhere to go!

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Verse 1:

Are you ready for me? Do you know about me? If so you should already be prepared for me, with addition and subtraction and multiplication. They're the tools that provide you with inspiration, to take me on like Steph Curry verses Lebron at the 3 point zone before the time is gone. Don't worry, it's alright 'cause I'll show you how. But after that all bets are off so your time is now!

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(So here we go!)

Verse 2:

First! You need to know the parts that make it cogent; the **dividend**, the **divisor**, and then the **quotient**. The **<u>dividend</u>** is the biggest number of the lot. It's the one you chop up with the number you've got called the **<u>divisor</u>**, that tells you how many groups to divide it by so you can stay in the loop, with the answer called the **<u>quotient</u>** that ends the journey, unless there's a **<u>remainder</u>**, but don't you worry. It's easy once you see how it all lines up to produce the perfect answer with the numbers you trust.

The symbol with the bar and the 2 dots is called the **obelus**, but the other one has no name, so I'll just call him "Gus". Now in the next verse we'll talk about one main way; **long division**, its precision will show you how to play. Then a process that will show you I can't be stopped, it's to **D**ivide, **M**ultiply, **S**ubtract, and **D**rop. (Come on!)

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Verse 3:

So, we're gonna use "Gus" to take on this quest; you know, the bar with the right parenthesis on the left? The dividend on the bottom, the quotient on the top, and the divisor on the left; it's a one-stop-shop.

Now let's start the long division using "Gus" as the symbol, try 98 divided by 3 (98 ÷ 3) to show you how nimble I can be. And don't forget D-M-S-D; **Divide, Multiply, Subtract, and Drop** is the key.

So take the 9 in the 10ths place and **divide** by the 3. It gives you 3 so you place it where the quotient will be, above the 9. Next the **"M"** of the DMSD, **multiply** 3 times the divisor to get 9, you see? You put it under the 9 of the dividend and **subtract**. 9 minus 9 equals zero (0), that's the **"S"** in the track. Now **drop** the 8 of 98 beside the zero (0). The other **"D"** in the mix, and start again like a hero.

Divide the 8 by 3, the closest number is 2. Put it next to the 3 to get 32. Again 2 times 3 equals 6 so place it under the 8 and subtract to get 2 and you're through. Except that 2 is the remainder so you place it up top with an "r" next to the quotient, and now you can stop.

I know I layed a lot on you, but brake it down and you'll see that by doing what I told you it's so good to be me! (…and I'm out!)

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(x2)

Outro:

(Special shout out to "Gus" and Obelus; also the **DMSD** crew. Can't forget my homeys **Multiplication** and **Subtraction**. Whenever you're ready to go again, you know where I'll be. Peace!)