

# Play God

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I was done at 16  
Showin up for class  
I was out there  
In the ring  
Learnin how to kick some ass  
I was done at 16  
Using my momma's key  
It was all on me  
Yes it was all on me

Weren't no free rides  
Weren't no IOU's  
I pulled my weight  
I paid my dues  
And I showed up  
To enlist  
On the first day of recruits  
How bout you?  
How bout you

I'm my brother's keeper  
Every chance I can  
I pay my taxes  
Like any working man  
And I feel I've earned  
My right to choose  
You don't get to play God, man  
I do  
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I do

You get to run the world  
In your special way  
You get much more  
Much more than your say  
Government, religion  
It's all just patriarchy  
I must insist  
You leave this one thing to me

Just one thing that a man needs  
To be truly free  
This is the modern world  
And that one thing is money  
But there are two things  
That a woman needs  
Control over her own body

Yes I pay the price  
On top of everything  
Each month a bill  
Each month a reckoning  
And each seed that dies  
I cry and I bleed  
So you can't tell me  
No you can't tell me

I am a soldier  
It's my blood that flows  
I'd give my life  
So that this tree can grow  
You don't know creation  
Like I know  
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