The Kids

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Well, since I was planted at birth
I abandoned my own planet and I landed on earth
As a kid I never understood what I observed
Some of it was strange but most of it disturbed me
Always in detention for the lack of my attention
You could call it deficit, really I just didn't listen
And I was always missin'
The teachers like, where is Bobby Simons?
But tryna get a record deal is all I can I remember
It's funny 'cause looking back on the past
That I had all my days in the streets tryna prove that I was bad
I still elevated to the level that I'm at

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[Janelle Monae:] Sometimes it's hard to grow While living in fear of the unknown How can he ever give love When no love is in his heart? A child can barely sleep at night To worried bout tomorrow And what it beholds, He drowns of Deep down in sorrows Will you run or will you share your light Tell a story or live in strife See it when we're given hope That we know that we can grow

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