Remember a child's places what I often heard while asking
About the things no adolescent could imagine
Trying on the pants of a man I had not yet become
Hands too small to button the buttons my father often fastened
While speaking on his dreams and ambitions
Although I could never understand
There was comfort that I listened, with mention to be better than him, yeah

Be a better man in a world of negligence Pedophilic malvolence, don't trust your reverend When they settling for settlements Lock your doors, shut your windows, don't let the devil in The media graffiti us with relishments Money, cars, and clothes I suppose what successful is They say sow you're oats, it's natural to experiment But don't get sucked and fuck and run amok - be celibate Only 14 when I first cut I wasn't her first, I had to strap up And thank God for them condoms that my papa gave me Cause a convo 'bout birds and bees wouldn't save me From a child I couldn't shoulder, pushin' in a stroller Down the streets of 30B while all my homies asked to hold 'em Proceed to play ball, when he cried I can't console him I truly wasn't ready for kids, that's what he told me

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Never in a sense of money spent Christmas trees are beautiful without presents up under them

Lead by example, don't get caught up in the rapture
Life is just a raffle, mostly pain, but some laughter
The older that you get, it's even harder to believe
No superheroes on TV you used to see
Remember that I told you slow down, control your speed
The more you walk with God, the harder it is to scrape your knee
I remember when I fell from my first bike
There were no "are you okays" and rarely "are you alrights"
Just dirt in my pockets, handful of gravel
That's when I realized that getting up is only half the battle
The fear of falling off will haunt me well into my teens
The moment that the world took a shit upon my dreams
Cause money is the root, and love is all we had
In fact, I'm glad, I had a rich dad, poor dad

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