

All my life I've been runnin' scared  
Feelin' shut out, no one cared  
Not my mother, not my brother  
Crazy beatings by my father  
A-ooh a-ooh

Music's been my saving grace  
Been my ticket to a better place  
Brought me riches, brought me fame  
Many people know my name  
A-ooh A-ooh

My old friends who knew me when  
Say "Brian you've come a long, long way"  
Thank you, thank you wo wo-o-o-oh

My cousins say I ain't the same  
Criticize I change my game  
They're not happy 'cause I'm different  
More creative, independent  
A-ooh A-ooh

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Taste the new and release the old  
Those who love me, they know I'm tryin'  
Livin' brave instead of dyin'  
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