## **25 Bucks**

## **Danny Brown**

25 bucks, momma braid your hair Sit on the porch, she'll do it on the stairs Grew your hair out and you wanna get it twisted Fed us many nights nigga that's how we was living

I'll not get old
If I dig with my knees, if I grind on my teeth
I know from the attic of me
From the bottoms of cleats, from the wayward it seeds

Arthritis in her fingers, carpal tunnel in her wrists 'Bout to feed her kids at night sit between her legs and twist While she listen to the oldie soap operas smoking bogies On the phone gossiping telling homegirls stories Girlfriend worried cause her son's in a hurry To see the state Pen' or a cemetery buried Ma replied do her best but it's still rough Keep your kids out the street and away from drugs Doing hair in the house ain't putting on Daniel Daddy in and out, ay, who turned that channel? Sneakers turn to house shoes, stepping on the back Ashing her cigarette in a brown paper bag Smoking joints, lauging tryna get the part straight For ten, put your perm in, don't scratch all day Hot cocoa stove put the food in the bowl Say that's how many nights it was hard to keep going

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Iverson zig zags, good night fast food If you really balling, mommy cop Chinese food If you really wonder why these people got issues Cause the rent owed and the fucking lights due On her knees at night, pray a miracle come through Daddy shooting Craps, tryna win a pair of shoes I been growing my hair 'bout to let mommy twist it Out wilding with my friends even got myself a biscuit Homie momma smoking with nothing to lose Now he stashing cracks in some hundred dollar shoes Sitting at his crib, smoking Swishers, getting faded Told me hit my mommy up, cause he tryna get braided What we gon' do see the local dope man See if we can put some money in our hand Same one jump me, the same one front me Cause I'm tired of seeing my family fucked up and hungry

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