I recall everything I was told Boy you'll never live to be 18 years old Dead or incarcerated just like those People who wonder down similar roads Leavin out the house She said please don't go Granny why you steady tryin ta save my soul If death is my destiny like you had said to me Let me get busy before he gets the best of me Don't you know bullets don't have no brain And alot of youngings don't have no aim Am I living or dying somebody please explain Goin or staying because I'm going insane I'm strapped up cause he is Shishty cause she is Meanwhile dude who teach chemistry is In his office with a kid doing shit I get expelled for Which makes me wonder why people go to jail for it

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I'm a kid peeping in justice yall let slide But your so quick to point out mine That's what made me draw that line Blinded by my own design I'm doing fine, no I'm not I'm doing bad But I'm so afraid to talk Yall got shit going on I don't wanna bother yall Pops cut from a different cloth Never be the man that he was Thought I was slow, I turned out to be a genius And I ain't returned like eat my peanuts Let my our bank statements be the difference between us If I seem distant, bitch I'm 30 something I was suppose to been done been a murder victim My grandpa prayed until his knees gave way If you can't save me, God please save Jason The way I went in that's the only explanation I know some bad dudes enough to know I ain't one

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I was confused and you can hear it in my rhetoric In retrospect I never should have made it back I wrote my Senator and never got a letter back My friend Chris got killed for a Cadillac My man Mike died for a powder pack So understand why I could think I was next Under attack guns and crack Or the mother fuckin police shoot us in the back

And ah, they think it only happens to blacks And refuse to believe it almost happened to Stak Stabbed in the back Blood beating threw a heart filled with crack Soldier up fought through that Injuries alot of players don't walk off I walked off cause I ain't the type to walk off If you family your suppose to love me when I'm wrong Be a man and represent me when I'm gone Stones in a foundation get looked over But without them the whole damn house falls over This is for the rocks that exist beneath me The block which gave me a past to be me BB's are baby bullets, baby's are in training My people were bangin before they called it bangin Just chillin, hangin, words exchange One thing lead to another, all I heard was Even if I did die young so what Nobody expected me to ever grow up Grandmama lectured me you better grow up But there wasn't no telling me I was a grown up