

# Take A Minute

K'naan

And any man who knows a thing knows  
He knows not a damn, damn thing at all  
And every time I felt the hurt  
And I felt the givin' gettin' me up off the wall

I'm just gonna take a minute and let it ride  
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How did Mandela get the will to surpass the everyday  
When injustice had him caged and trapped in every way?  
How did Gandhi ever withstand the hunger strikes and all?  
Didn't do it to gain power or money if I recall

It's to give, I guess, I'll pass it on  
Mother thinks it'll lift the stress of Babylon  
Mother knows, my mother she suffered blows  
I don't know how we survived such violent episodes

I was so worried and hurt to see you bleed  
But as soon as you came out the hospital you gave me sweets  
Yeah, they try to take you from me  
But you still only gave 'em some prayers and sympathy

Dear mama, you helped me write this  
By showing me to give is priceless

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All I can say is the worst is over now  
We can serve the hard times, divorce, it's over now  
They try to keep us out but they doors is open now  
My nigga, Akon is gettin' awards and covers now

This is K'naan and still reppin' the S  
Comin' out of Mogadishu and still draped in the mess  
And no matter how we strong, homie  
It ain't easy comin' out of where we from, homie

And that's the reason why, I could never play for me  
Tell 'em the truth is what my dead homies told me  
Ooh yeah, I take inspiration from the most heinous of situations  
Creating medication out my own tribulations

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Nothing is perfect man, that's what the world is  
All I know is I'm enjoying today  
You know 'cause it isn't every day that you get to give

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I got nothin' to complain about  
You know where I'm from  
You know where I'ma last, so  
You know I was flyin' high

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