

College

Lil Mama

Now that I think about it
I was always takin' away from my father
Or he was always takin' away from me
It's probably why we so close now
Ya know

We been starvin' so long in these crazy ghetto streets
And they say we're so wrong for the way we try to eat
How long will he struggle
I gotta grind jus' to eat now
I gotta eat jus' a lil' now
So I gotta live my life this way

I stretched and yawned
4 years from a newborn
On a charter bus
Filled with stranded humans
Besides my mother nobody seems anxious
Though we on our way to visit a college campus
We roll up freshen up at a food concession
Can't talk to strangers
I wanna ask em questions
Saw a woman cryin'
Boy face the fence
I don't wanna go to college
If it causes this
Back on the bus still analyzin' vibes
Turned to my moms excel asked her
"Why you cryin?"
She said because I'm happy
But I could tell she lyin'
And since lyin' was a curse
I sense storytellin'
Her eyes focused on a object long enough they tingle
That's when she reached into her bag because her phone was ringin'
She said "I accept"
I'm still puzzle piecing
I knew my pops was on the other line
Lonely singin'

Soon after we roll up to these gates
Barbed wired up
Men standin' in the entrance armed up
With a close eye on us
We enter the buildin'
Got checked by the women who starin'
My mother
Pull out a card with a picture of her face on it
Two papers with our names on it
They identify her
They lookin' at me
Me my confusion of the journey
Through these walls we go
Before the next one opens
The past one must close
As they check for proper clothes
My mama so prepared

For this mini battle has chose
Finally we reach our final destination
My poppa placed in a seat
Facin' me
No women in his class
Jus' men who never laugh
And when they see they family
They sing

So I begin my investigation
My elbow on the round table
My palm at chin
I'm lookin' at him
Ask questions like
"how you been?"
"when you graduatin'?"
Time was up got pulled away
Kickin' and screamin'
Tears came to his eyes
But never fell in front me
Got old enough to realize
Must've fell up under me
Bein' locked away in prison from your family
Tryin' to find ways for us to eat
I see

[Chorus]