This is real life, the only one we get to live
I remember being broke and thinking something gotta give
This is real life, everything we do is legendary
And we gon' do it to the day we in the cemetery
Real life, it feel like I'm dreaming
Used to feel like I was nothing, now my life has meaning
Said this is real life, God damn this is real life

Yeah, I've been fiending for this moment I've been dreaming 'bout this moment I guess this is how it feel to have everything you ever wanted Writing these records like a dissertation While the fans go crazy from anticipation Damn, nine years that's a lot of patiences And now I'm looking at my idols and feeling adjacent It's hell of a long way from back in the basement Looking at hip-hop tryna find my placement I bought my first pair of Jordans at 22 Same year I bought a crib too Now my face in magazines I used to flip through And my music on all the sites I used to sift through Remember meeting Nas for the first time Shook his hand and he started quoting my lines Said he a fan, God damn this is my time I'm a get it, I'm a do it till we prime time I told him every single day that I be at it In the studio recording like an addict He said that real hip-hop shit I had it Thinking to myself damn man you made Illmatic

I used wonder what it feel like Aight, I guess we back again With another verse of about how much I'm black again You don't like to blame God for my packaging Bringing up my race, don't call me a white rapper then Damn, they judging me by my skin tone Instead of my talent, man these motherfuckers been wrong But it's all good I just thought I'd address it And spell it out for people so they can finally assess it This is dedicated to anyone with a dream And a realization of what following it means Breaking the cycle and not following your genes That perfect moment when your logic intervenes And let you know that everything ain't always what it seems But if you really looking, I promise you'll find your dreams This is everything I ever wanted, half of y'all won't get it The other will probably laugh and wonder how I did it I just spit it from my mind, one word at the time Take everything I'm going through and put it in a rhyme I'd be lying if I said I didn't have a lot of weight upon my shoulders But this is my therapy as I flow this Spilling out my heart, I just hope somebody notice I've been real from the start and you motherfuckers noticed Once my name elevated that's when the fame escalated But on the real, I've grown accustomed to the stares People watching every move I make like it was theirs All up in my business, and even in my personal affairs

Now, I know I talk a lot of game, but I ain't trynna sell you
Cause honestly, I could show you better than I could tell you
And even though there's been moments when everything have fell through
We kept it moving, assuming even the greatest fail too
I swear this business shit is do or die
I never contemplated suicide, I'm too alive
In front of thousands, but I'm talking like it's you and I
And every day

Everything I seen, made me everything I am Everything I do, I'm a man behind mine

Said, welcome to forever Welcome to forever Welcome to forever