

## Side Effects

Mariah Carey

[Young Jeezy:]

It's M.C. and Y.J.  
Another hit, OK  
We lookin' fly, takin' off  
Saw us on a runway  
On any given Sunday,  
Monday, Tuesday  
They try to confuse me,  
I never let 'em use me

I was a girl, you was a man  
I was too young to understand  
I was naïve, I just believed  
Everything that you told me  
Said you were strong, protecting me  
Then I found out that you were weak  
Keepin' me there, under your thumb  
'Cause you were scared that I'd become much  
More than you could handle,  
Shining like a chandelier  
That decorated every room inside  
The private hell we built,  
And I dealt with it  
Like a kid I wished I could fly away

But instead, I kept my tears inside  
'Cause I knew if I started I'd keep crying  
For the rest of my life with you  
I finally built up the strength to walk away  
Don't regret it but I still live with the side effects

[Chorus:]

Waking up scared some nights still dreaming 'bout them violent times  
Still little protective 'bout the people that I let inside  
Still little defensive thinkin' folk be tryin' to run my life  
Still little depressed inside, I fake a smile and deal with the side effects  
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Vacant inside, no one was there  
Couldn't be real, had to keep quiet  
Once in awhile, put up a fight  
It's just too much, night after night  
After awhile I would just lie,  
You was dead wrong, said you was right  
Did what I could, just to survive  
Couldn't believe this was my life,  
Flickering like a candle  
Doin' my best to handle sleeping with the enemy  
Aware that he was smothering every last part of me  
So I broke away and finally found the strength to leave

Still kept the tears inside  
'Cause I knew if I started I'd keep crying  
For the rest of my life with you

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[Chorus]

Hey, hey, hey  
Let's go!

[Young Jeezy:]  
Hey magnifico or should I say magnificent?  
Ain't nothing worth your happiness  
And I ain't caring who you're with  
Misery loves company so we ain't tryin' to hang with you all  
Hurt you if you let 'em in  
Gotta keep your circle small  
Keep tryin' to play  
I tell him I ain't blowin' though  
Think they want me outta here,  
I tell 'em I ain't goin' though  
Side effects be drowsiness,  
Loneliness,  
How is this?  
I think the call it hateration,  
What can you prescribe for this?

Forgive but I can't forget,  
Every day I deal with this  
I live with the side effects  
But I ain't gonna let them get the best of me

Forgive but I can't forget,  
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