

# Castle Walls

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Observing the estate through the gate from the outside looking in  
Bet you would think I got it made, better look again  
I got butler, got a maid, and a mansion  
The belief is that I'm living out a millionaires fantasy  
With phantoms and Ferrari's in the driveway  
But you see I came and exchanged of a sane man's sanity,  
Your vision jaded by the Grammy's on the mantelpiece  
Just switch your camera lenses you would see the agony  
Apparently it's damaging the man you see before you  
On the canvas he may seem alright  
But all the disadvantages  
His family encounters overshadows his extravagance  
Walk in my nines a while, I dare you I'll scare you  
While it really seem like the kings life ain't glamorous  
As seen through the eyes of untrained amateurs  
Because the camera's don't see beyond the walls of the smiles  
Only counts until it falls in the pile

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Honestly to me,  
I think I'd lose every benefit  
Of all that I've accomplished  
If my kids never win at shit  
Me knowing this, why should the verses I have laid  
Be more important to me than the persons I have raised  
I guess I'm saying that to say that opportunity  
But they just don't equate to all the time they take away  
From the kids all the shit I did right is a mistake  
If Deyjah end up a stripper and Major slinging yay  
How could I ever consider myself a great  
If Messiah ain't paid and Nique Nique ain't straight  
Would your favorite song about the whips, money and shit  
Be relevant if you found out, the money wasn't real, nope  
So me being the goat shouldn't mean more to me  
Than see it to a king though  
From a bad ass kid to man with some dough  
Otherwise I may well have stayed poor  
So while they stay focused on me beefin' with flip,  
Shawty low, Gucci or Ludacris  
Or if I'm fucking with a hoe  
Did I snitch when I got arrested or will I die over nonsense  
Internally I'm dealing with this conflict  
So excuse me if I don't get the chance to kiss the hand  
Or slap me in the face, aye I'm just the man

If they saying I ain't the best at making hit records  
It's cause this my life these ain't just rapping  
Shit, you think of that deep, did ya dog  
See you can't see the castle through the walls till it falls  
Bitch ain't thinking with the deep, did ya dog  
Cause see you can't see the castle through the walls till it falls

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Nobody knows I'm all alone  
Living in this castle made of stone  
They say that money is freedom  
But I feel trapped inside it all  
And while I sit so high up on a throne  
I wonder how I can feel this low  
On top of the world it's beautiful  
But there's no place to fall

For the record aye, I give a damn if I never said shit again  
My career was meant for me to come and tell this  
Honest interpretation of how affected I'm faced with  
Matters most rappers used to keep locked away in the basement  
The day that I walk I ain't saying that I'm amazing  
Down playing the way I keep fellas from catching cases  
Won't take into consideration how much it mean what I'm saying  
And when I say what I mean even when I'm surrounded by the fakers  
From one of the greatest sinners, blessed with most of god's graces  
Who made his way amongst the greatest from the grimeiest places  
So next time you rating royalty,  
I'm always being given to recordings than the level  
Of your loyalty, obvious you've been ignoring me  
Who else ya seen make it through the storm, unharmed disjointed  
While all the critics was looking for prince charming  
Disregarded the king of the south raised doubt  
Even though he made a castle out of used to be a house  
He did shit that all your favorites rappers only rap about  
But most of y'all don't see the castle for the walls  
And the smiles till it falls in piles so while

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