Whassup little man, what's wrong wit'chu? Why you lookin so sad - what's wrong?

Man, I went to school today and the teacher said I couldn't be no rapper

Say what? Why she tell you that?

She told me I had to be somethin, that's more realistic like I could actually be, like a construction worker or somethin

Man, construction workers ain't realistic man You can't be out there done sawin all day, boy it's hot out there Man, just keep on goin to school, get your education That way, you can be anything you WANT to be

I just want to sing, can I, sing you a song
I bet you'll love it (I just want to sing) yeah yeah yeah
(I-I ain't askin for much)
Well go 'head then
I just want to sing, can I, sing you a song
I bet you'll love it (I ain't askin for much)

Listen; I just want to make music, I just want to verse or two In fact, man, I want to be a rapper too And I could probably sing the blues Cause I got problems too, plus I growed up in the projects too Well can you put me on your soundtrack? Cause I got a good theme song that Betty Right could probably sing on Yo, I just want a chance at stardom I just want to be more than a thief or robbin Well, what about a remix? And I could probably make the beat and get it done all in less than a week And make it clean for the radio, so the kids could watch the video Yo, but y'all don't hear me doe Man, I just want a crack at it If I fail I'll be back, cause I refuse to be a crack addict I want to prove the critics wrong What started off with a poem done turned it into a song Now I'ma sing it for you

Listen to me! I want to be a legend one day, that way I can be put in the same category with Barry White and Marvin Gaye And have a tribute dedicated to me Sell platinum records and win Grammys so that the world can see you could be anything that you want to be Play sports or make music, just put your mind to it And yo, I ain't the typical 'American Idol' But when I'm done, I'm sure the boy Simon'll like me Everybody can't act rap, and no matter how real the dream seem e'rybody can't sing But, there's another Michael Jordan or Tiger Woods somewhere right in the hood, plus Yo you ain't never seen a, meaner team of tennis players than Venus and Serena So, it's people like that that helped people like me And they gave me the courage to sing, so I'ma sing it for ya

I want to do commercial and TV shows
I want to blow and sell records like the BeeGees sold
And I don't really need a chaffeur, I don't need a maid or a cook
Just a vacumn cleaner and coasters
And I can cook and clean for myself - with the right promo team
I feel, I can really do big things, and
I could probably write me a book
With all the stuff I got to tell 'em, it's got to be a best seller
And it's way deeper than a Coke and a smile
Why go to schools when the teachers ain't helpin us out?
My art teacher drive a Benz but he ain't bein artistic
I got music second period but the class won't listen
I want to sing

So, to all the kids
All the mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers of the world
why'know? Our kids need encouragement
We need a reason, why'knahmsayin?
Let's show 'em somethin, let's give 'em somethin to look forward to
So all you teachers that ain't doin your job, y'all step aside
Cause I got a little brother and sister that's gon'
grow up one day and be a teacher, and she gon' actually TEACH somethin
why'know? She gon' make it worth comin to school why'know?
It's deeper than free lunch now
I just want to sing
I used to be just like you
But thank God, we got greater later