

# In My Sleep

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Baby girl told me in my sleep I was talkin'  
So it's only natural I asked her what I said?  
She said she woke up when she heard  
But she was so damn tired she couldn't make out a word  
She said she was tryin' to see if eventually  
If I would scream the name of a bird  
I told her that's absurd  
And then gave her the face like, word?  
And then she replied, yeah  
Said it was quite weird, said she was type scared  
I said that's the side effect that you get  
When you trade bad dreams for some great nightmares  
When I close my eyes, I escape the poltergeist  
My escape from reality, just what I needed  
Brings me to a place where shorty never cheated  
And even if she tried and succeeded  
In this other world I wouldn't even get heated  
Fuck the details, I don't care about why  
I'm chillin' with my grandmother, she ain't die  
I was browsin' online and seen Mike on that banner  
That said you can be like me and beat cancer  
Anythin' I touched I feel  
Know it's fiction but it seems so real  
Was leavin' out the casino with a nympho  
Yes Ray, it can be so simple  
Here's how I avoid problem with my kin folk  
Learn how to build me a house with no windows  
And that's when I think I saw a ribbon in the sky  
But it wasn't from an intro  
'Cause where I'm at, there's no rumors or gossip  
But still got love for Miss Info  
She said in my sleep I be laughin'  
But shit seem funny to me  
My ice cream was two hundred degrees  
If it dripped I'd get a hole in my dungarees  
See my anonymity is my protection  
And me and hip hop have no connection  
Which got me to reflectin'  
Is that why the mirror won't show my reflection?  
When I close my eyes, there's no dollar  
So we can stretch that one as an excuse  
Of why folks do the things they do  
Or why people act so brand new?  
I had wings on flyin' outta prison with a ratchet  
Was only there 'cause someone snitched  
No one's poor but no one's rich  
Just my way of creepin' if life's a bitch  
Took a walk on the ceilin' just to get my mind right  
That was yesterday, so in hindsight  
Since I was able to haul off  
I took it as God tellin' me, I'll never fall off

Got rid of the name brands and the jewelry  
Most people just use it as medicine Like it takes them somewhere they ain't never been  
But here you better off not better then  
Stuck in the room with an elephant  
Open the closet and dapped up my skeleton Had a convo with a man with no ears  
And all of a sudden everythin' became so clear  
Have no fear, I just bought a first class trip  
To nowhere, everybody goes there But they don't stay the whole year  
Me I got three hundred and sixty five shows there  
My girl said in my sleep I be walkin'  
So I ask baby, where I go? She said I be walkin' slow  
But she don't ever wanna get outta bed, so she don't know I went to see a man walkin' on water  
Asked if he'd ever get things back in order  
I been there two years over a quarter  
But every time I open my eyes, it's like torture He said, please I gave you a whole other world  
For you to go do with as you please  
Just so you appeased, mixed with a couple  
Of signs 'bout real life while you make believe So I teleported outta there with a grin  
Met a bum with a mansion that invited me in  
Then we politicked about politics  
Said somethin' 'bout Def Jam but I ain't acknowledge it I went to see a virgin with AIDS  
Yeah, I thought about smashin' that  
Yeah, her ass was fat, so appealin'  
Tattoo on her inner thigh that said  
She was doin' better then she was feelin' I think I seen shorty before, maybe in the club or somethin'  
Maybe in VIP, but wasn't nobody there but me  
And the club was all red and she started playin' with my head  
And then I came Then I asked shorty what's her name  
And it was weird 'cause she fucked around and disappeared  
Like what a cruel joke, cig lit but from it was no smoke  
Flicked in the ashtray and seen Stack's face  
Slashed to a school hallway on a half day Was gettin' chased, couldn't tell by who  
Then the hallway turned into a cliff  
Screamin' piff before I was dead  
Somehow I jumped my ass up out that bed Then baby girl told me in my sleep I was screamin'  
So I said, that's a lie, she put her right hand in the sky  
And said, you was but I don't know why  
Gotta go, goodbye

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