

# Role Reversal

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Check this  
I be at the mall, walk up at in the store  
Glance up at the wall, pick out a few kicks  
I need 11's in these, matter of fact  
While you at it bring em' in a size 6  
I take shorty's shoes off  
Like here try on these J's make sure them shits fit  
But in my head it gets thick saying  
Joey fall back 'cause that's not your kid  
I don't know you lil' nigga  
And plus I got a son of my own  
But he's at home and the way he's being raised  
I don't really condone  
Naw, 'cause his pops been gone  
Fuck it, Ill explain it to him later when he's grown  
Old enough to have a phone  
Asking why mommy hates me and he got to sleep  
To call me when ever he's alone so  
You wouldn't know it but I got a sore spot for you  
See, we would shared the same obstacles  
Looking from the outside may seem like you neglect him  
But when he slips up and calls me dad, I correct him  
I protect him, when baby girl  
Start venting about you I say respect him  
And though it seems out of order  
My own mistakes have turned me  
Into your biggest supporter  
Fast forward, you wouldn't believe  
How I could love like mine what I didn't conceive  
Trying to help him reach shit that I never achieved  
Am I doing it for him or is it my own greed  
'Cause see me and my baby moms  
We don't do the conversations  
Some cramped in the back, 2 bedroom shack  
With 7 people living there just congregating  
So when your child's with me, I'm over compensated  
I'm talking 8 bedrooms 7 baths  
My son thinking, that's the shit that only heaven has  
Mines gotta keep it cool, yours get to see the view

White marble around the end ground, heated pool  
Mines got to go through the why  
Shit, yours just got to walk outside  
And the funny shit, the irony of it all and it's just sad  
Is you walked away and I'm the step dad  
And then you get on Skype  
Saying, "How you being, what's the word?"  
And I be on the background listening like  
"This muhfucka here got some nerve"  
He says, "Bye daddy, I love you"  
I be wanting to snuff you  
But wouldn't have him thinking less of you  
But he's perceptive and this shits wild  
He picks up on everything and he's just a child  
So through all my resistance  
I'm afraid this 2 year old can already see the difference  
He sees you don't provide when you're capable  
Why we never fix things while we're still able too?  
So you're annoyed, it kinda of hampers me  
Get my void, I always wanted a family  
Just to greet when I get to the door  
You gon' have to take the L, I can't give you yours  
I'll do all the work, you ain't gotta be bothered  
You can be his dad, I'll be his father  
I relate though, so I know it hurts  
Got to be uncomfortable when the role reversed  
I've been in your shoes my whole life nigga  
Try these on, I relate though, I know it hurts  
Got to be uncomfortable when the role reversed  
Yeah man, I been there  
You can't feel good  
I wanna see how I feel?

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