

Moment of Clarity

Jay-Z

Ooh, yeah, yeah, yeah

Turn the music up, turn the lights down, I'm in my zone
Thank God for grantin' me this moment of clarity
This moment of honesty, the world'll feel my truths
Through my hard knock life time, my gift and the curse
I gave you volume after volume of my work so you can feel my truths
I built the dynasty by being one of the realest niggas out
Way beyond a reasonable doubt, you all can't fill my shoes
From my blueprint beginnings to that black album endin'
Listen close you hear what I'm about, nigga feel my truths
When pop died, didn't cry, didn't know him that well
Between him doin' heroin and me doin' crack sales
With that in the egg shell standin' at the tabernacle
Rather the church pretendin to be hurt, wouldn't work
So a smirk was all on my face
Like damn that mans face is just like my face
So pop I forgive you for all the shit that I live through
It wasn't all your fault, homie you got caught
And to the same game I fault that Uncle Ray lost
My big brothers and so many others I saw
I'm just glad we got to see each other
Talk and re-meet each other, save a place in Heaven
Till the next time we meet forever
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The music business hate me 'cause the industry ain't make me
Hustlers and boosters embrace me and the music I be makin'
I dumb down for my audience and double my dollars
They criticize me for it yet they all yell, "Holla"
If skills sold, truth be told, I'd probably be lyricly Talib Kweli
Truthfully, I wanna rhyme like common sense
But I did five mil, I ain't been rhymin' like common since
When your sense got that much in common
And you been hustlin' since your inception, fuck perception
Go with what makes sense since I know what I'm up against
We as rappers must decide what's most important
And I can't help the poor if I'm one of them
So I got rich and gave back to me that's the win, win

So the next time you see the homie and his rims spin
Just know my mind is workin' just like them, the rims that is
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My homie Sigel's on a tier where no tears should fall
'Cause he was on the block where no squares get off
See in my inner circle all we do is ball
Till we all got triangles on our wall
He ain't just rappin' for the platinum you all record, I recall
'Cause I really been there before
Four scores and seven years ago, prepared to flow, prepare for war
I shall fear no man, you don't hear me though
These words ain't just paired to go
In one ear out the other ear, no
Yo, my balls and my word is all's I have
What you gonna do to me, nigga scars'll scab
What you gonna box me, homie, I can dodge and jab
Three shots couldn't touch me, thank god for that
I'm strong enough to carry Biggie Smalls on my back
And the whole BK, nigga holla back
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