

Sideline

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Giving up just ain't a part of the plan
I can't play the sidelines while they still chill
Yeah, I been down but I'm still here
I can't play the sidelines, yeah, I can deal with the pain
'Cause you ain't winning 'less they hollering ya name
I can't play the sidelines so put me in coach
I swear to God, that's all I got to live for
On my first rep, trying to max out
Lifting burdens, being worried 'til I pass out
Jumping hurdles, running laps just for scraps in this rat race
Lord knows I'm tired, never step, gotta keep pace
Read my playbook, lay my head down
Caught a sprain, ice buckets by my bed now
Felt an impact like a truck hit me full contact
No pads, Lord come get me, I'm down
I can feel it in my soul
This my last chance to shine but they know I'm getting old
Hard to move on, my legs ain't been the same
Since I took a fall from greatness
Now I knowing when it rains on my homecoming
See my folks, smiling, coach by the dope
I'm the goat but I really need to hold something, one more dime
I'll be fine, yeah, I'm the best in my prime but what about now
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On the second set, got to do this for myself
When the balls in my court, can't depend on no one else
This a long shot but I trained all my life
Broke some bone, cried some tears just so I could get it right
When it's time, hit the gym trying to win
On the off-season, doing what I can but I'm running out of time

Got a partner going through it 'cause his bill's still due
And he ain't started since the moment that he signed
Physical training and all
Rehabilitation the 'cause of shooing, jiving, no hard turf
Ain't no complaining at all when they overturning your call
This is life and yes, it's hard work
We out here fighting like dogs in every man backyard
Trying to get what was lost reimbursed
Just to be a ghost on the wall
Give it my all 'til they hang up my shirt
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