

# A Whole Nation

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But it sho would be nice to have my daddy aroundAll I need is one mike, I know you can see  
Im not a rapper but there are some dudes that are just like me  
Every time you took a picture with you and your family  
It was only two people when its supposed to be threeIt was supposed to be me asking why is the sky blue?  
When I grow up I wanna be like you  
Yo daddy, can you teach me how to tie my shoes  
Can I go with you to work so I can see what you do?Let me see what you do, so I can love my kid too  
But you didnt stick around, was that too much to ask of you?  
Too much to get a blueprint, no, too much to show the way, no  
Thats the reason why this building is not finished todayWere lost boys, still we wanna believe that  
My daddys coming back, he didnt forget about me  
Like a child after school we sit and we wait  
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But its a million of yall and only one of me  
What happened to the village? As far as I can see  
Its been burned down by this modern day slaveryFor eleven years Ive been living here  
Ive seen momma cry more than eleven tears  
Watching momma be daddy while he slips away  
Does Jesus really hear kids when they pray?Momma working two jobs, she cant do it alone  
She shouldnt have to, she didnt get knocked up on her own  
And I know that, baby, mommas drama brothers is real  
But before you close the door dont forget how it feels, rememberAnd daddy missed my game, and I made a  
touchdown  
I won the talent show, but you werent around  
If a girl breaks my heart, what I do with the pain?  
And one more thing, daddy, can you tell me my name?It takes a whole nation to help me raise this generation  
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