

# Testify

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I remember wakin' up, being broke  
But still it wasn't breakin' us  
I remember why I broke the rules,  
Cuz I ain't really have nobody to look up to  
I remember cuttin' class, bein' bad,  
Cuz I ain't have what them other kids had  
I remember wishin' that I knew my dad,  
Then I remember wishin' I could get him back  
For every single night that he told me he was comin' and he didn't,  
For every single dollar that my mama 'nem was missin'  
For every thing I wanted and was told I couldn't get it,  
And that I had to face it that my daddy was addicted (damn)  
That's right it wasn't easy growin' up,  
Mama was exposin' us to life as she knew it  
So we all went through it,  
I remember bein' down and out, sleepin', on my homie's couch  
In & outta trouble ever since my mama put me out Damn it's getting real, damn it's getting real  
Didn't graduate, I'm thinking damn I gotta deal  
So I hit da block, selling rocks just to eat a meal  
So I grabbed da Glock, kept it cocked  
Peace is being still In da back of da tracks, my nigga's stayed wit da packs  
And if a nigga was schemin', my brotha stayed with tha gat  
Yea, yea we stayed in da trap, yea everyday in da trap  
These ho's was chasin' da cheese, so we would stay wit da rat's  
And we was ridin' down, dippin' low, I stayed in da back  
In the X5 stuntin', we ain't know how to act  
Spendin' money like it's nothin', cuz we gone get it back  
17 never thought that I'd be gettin' dem racks,  
Had a dream but I said I wasn't fuckin' wit that  
Mel told me I would make it, I ain't fuckin' wit that  
But he told me that it wouldn't hurt to give it a try  
Hardest thing out in New Orleans never see 25 Right then I woke up, broke out, told my nigga's had to roll out,  
Moved to the A and got motivated, that inspiration don't run out  
Heard my brother got gunned down and it hurt me to my heart,  
So I kept grindin', I kept pushin', he told me to go far  
So I can't stop at no crib, can't stop at no car,  
Gotta keep going like there ain't no tomorrow  
So I'm goin' hard everyday, 'til I got nothin' to say, nothin' can stand in my way,  
I gotta stay, to show my nigga's a different way Imma tell da truth and da whole truth,

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