

# If I Should Die

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Come on, life, death  
Here, gone, yo  
If I should die don't cry my niggas  
Just ride my niggas bust bullets in the sky my niggas  
And when I'm gone don't mourn my niggas  
Get on my niggas when it's real  
Say word to Shawn my niggas, if I should die  
Don't cry my niggas it's been one hell of a ride my niggas  
In the middle of the trial I flip pies my niggas  
I did joints with Mary J Blige my niggas  
I've eluded the coppers got booted with Big Poppa  
Skated through with the Cesar Picadas  
At high school got head by the lockers  
Gassed the baddest girl in the class to show me her knockers  
Rocked jewels dropped school still didn't fail  
Rhymes still written well hold court in the street  
Never sit in the cell for a second then I'm gettin' my bail  
Shoot it out with the bounty hunters fuck  
Sittin' in the county for summers if they should down me  
Everybody around us become one for that day  
To live life get your shit right and play  
Don't get it twisted like rays if I miss that's okay  
But life's short don't miss a day uh  
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When I'm gone don't mourn my niggas  
Just keep gettin' it on my niggas, say word is bond my niggas  
I got a lot to look back on in '88  
Got my crack on ten years later gettin' my rap on  
Gettin' shorties like a thespian  
Had an episode with two lesbians got a fetish for that  
Drunk ginseng with Japanese chicks and pulled the root out  
Squeeze my whole clip to survive shootouts

Been on both coasts fired all kinds of heat  
Probably be kinda glad to leave these mean streets  
I got dead mens to meet and questions to fulfill  
Like is that mystery God real? And how was Kennedy killed?  
I ain't mad, I must've smoked a ton of reefer sipped Coronas  
With Latifah broke the code of Geneva  
I know when I reach the other side I'ma see the  
Cat I had beef with who blood remains on my sneaker  
Then it's on again if I could be born again  
I live my life through my son and tell him never have a friend  
Just family reincarnated I'll show him the time  
That I waited to get paid tell him never be afraid  
Niggas hearts pump Kool Aid and yo blood run thicker  
Never shed tears cry liquor my nigga  
If I die don't cry my niggas  
It's been one hell of a ride my niggas  
Say word to Wais my niggas  
When I'm gone don't mourn my niggas  
Just keep bangin' these songs my niggas  
Say word is bond my niggas, if I die  
Don't cry my niggas  
Just stay gettin' high my niggas  
Don't wonder why my niggas  
When I'm gone live on my niggas  
Just follow my path my niggas  
Say word to Half my nigga  
I'm the aftermath of pleasure never die alone  
Born to live forever through life's struggles  
I cut corners and took drastic measures  
See you niggas life expire right in front of me  
Time could never mend what these cold streets  
Mentally done to me too often I close my eyes  
And see my own coffin feelin' haunted ready to leave  
This world that I'm lost in my only chance  
To see the seeds I lost through abortion  
When I'm gone y'all niggas better not mourn  
Keep flossin' as long as my name  
Lives on what's most important  
I'll be down in hell scorchin' preparin' for life  
Afterlife still torchin' and blazin' these mics  
It'd rain for 40 days and 40 nights  
And I'd return on the 3rd like Christ  
Without my physical portion  
My spirit a poltergeist for sure  
I'll be back through the heist tomorrow

Blood over y'all fake niggas door  
What you thought? What you thought?  
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I'd tell Big they're still hearin' his songs  
Run into Pac ask him where we went wrong  
Tell him life is miserable when ya dealin' in the physical form  
Is everything that's invisible gone?  
I need to know will I still feel pain or will it be ironic?  
Will I chill in the flames for all the ills of my brain?  
Can I reveal the game to all the hustlers  
Trapped in the race and if so can I leave this place?  
Can I puff cigars and drink Cristal?  
If this is heaven to me is this considered heavenly?  
Can I still touch lives answer they 'What's and whys'  
Make sure everybody in my fam' clutch five?  
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