

# Castle Walls

## T.I. ft. Christina Aguilera

Everyone thinks that I have it all  
But it's so empty living behind these castle walls  
These castle walls  
If I should tumble, if I should fall  
Would any one hear me screaming behind these castle walls?  
There's no one here at all  
Behind these castle walls  
Observing the estate through the gate  
From the outside looking in  
Bet you would think I got it made  
Better look again  
I got a butler, got a maid, and a mansion  
The belief is that I'm living out a millionaire's fantasy  
With Phantoms and Ferraris in the driveway  
But you see, it came in exchange of a sane man's sanity  
Your vision jaded by the Grammys on the mantelpiece  
Just switch your camera lenses  
You would see the agony  
Apparently it's damaging the man you see before you  
On the canvas he may seem alright but all the disadvantages  
His family encounters overshadows his extravagance  
Walk in my nine's a while, I dare you, it'll scare you  
While it surely seem like the king life seem glamorous  
As seen through the eyes of untrained amateurs  
Because the camera doesn't see beyond the walls of the smiles  
On the castle 'til it falls in a pile.  
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Would any one hear me screaming behind these castle walls?  
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Honestly to me, I think I'd lose every benefit  
Of all that I've accomplished if my kids never win at shit  
Me knowing this, why should the verses I've laid  
Be more important to me than the persons I've raised?  
I guess I'm saying that to say the opportunity  
That they just don't equate to all the time they take away

From the kids all the shit I did right's a mistake  
If they should end up a stripper and make jack slanging yay  
How could I ever consider myself a great  
If Messiah ain't paid and Nique Nique ain't straight  
Would your favorite song about the whips, money and shit  
Be relevant if you found out the money wasn't rich, nope  
So me being the goat shouldn't mean more to me  
Than see it to a king though  
From a bad ass kid to man with some dough  
Otherwise I may well have stayed poor  
So while they stay focused on me beefin'  
With Flip and Shawty Lo  
Gucci or Ludacris, or if I'm fucking with a ho  
Did I snitch when I got arrested or will I die over nonsense?  
Internally I'm dealing with this conflict  
So excuse me if I don't get the chance to kiss the hand  
That slapped me in the face, ay, I'm just a man  
If they saying I ain't the best at making hit records  
It's 'cause this my life, these ain't just records  
Bet you ain't think at all nigga that deep, did ya dawg?  
See you can't see the castle for the walls 'til it falls  
Bet ain't think it was that deep, did ya dawg?  
'Cause see you can't see the castle for the walls 'til it falls  
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Behind these castle walls  
Nobody knows I'm all alone  
Living in this castle made of stone  
They say that money is freedom  
But I feel trapped inside it all  
And while I sit so high up on a throne  
I wonder how I can feel this low  
On top of the world it's beautiful  
But there's no place to fall  
For the record ay, I give a damn if I never said shit again  
My career was meant for me to come and tell you this  
Honest interpretation of how affected when faced with  
Matters most rappers choose to keep  
Locked away in the basement  
Every day that I walk away I ain't sayin' that I'm amazin'  
Downplaying the way I kept fellas from catchin' cases

Won't take into consideration how much it mean what I'm saying  
If when I say what I mean  
Even when I'm surrounded by the fakers  
From one of the greatest sinners  
Blessed with most of God's graces  
Who made his way amongst the greatest  
From the grimeiest places  
So next time you rating royalty  
And more is being given to recordings  
Than the level of your loyalty  
You obviously been ignoring me  
Who else ya seen make it through the storm  
Unharm'd this charmin'  
While all the critics was looking for Prince Charmin'  
Disregard'd the King of the South but raised doubt  
Even though he made a castle out what used to be a house  
He did shit that all your favorite rappers only rap about  
But most of y'all don't see the castle for the walls  
And it smiles 'til it falls into piles, so while  
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