Side Effects

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It's M.C. and Y.J. another hit, okay We lookin' fine, takin' off, saw us on a runway On any given Sunday, Monday, Tuesday They try to confuse me, I never let 'em use me I was a girl, you was a man I was too young to understand I was naive, I just believed Everythin' that you told me Said you were strong, protectin' me Then I found out that you were weak Keepin' me there under your thumb 'Cause you were scared that I'd become Much more than you could handle Shinin' like a chandelier that decorated Every room inside the private hell we built And I dealt with it like a kid I wished I could fly away But instead, I kept my tears inside 'Cause I knew if I started I'd keep cryin' for the rest of my life With you I finally built up the strength to walk away Don't regret it but I still live with the side effects Wakin' up scared some nights still dreamin' 'bout them violent times Still little protective 'bout the people that I let inside Still a little defensive thinkin' folks be tryin' to run my life Still little depressed inside, I fake a smile and deal with the side effects Side effects, side effects Vacant inside, no one was there Couldn't be real, had to keep quiet Once in a while put up a fight It's just too much night after night After a while I would just lie You wasn't wrong, said you was right Did what I could just to survive Couldn't believe this was my life Flickerin' like a candle, doin' my best to handle Sleepin' with the enemy, aware that he was smotherin' Every last part of me so I broke away And finally found the strength to breathe I kept my tears inside 'Cause I knew if I started I'd keep cryin' for the rest of my life

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Hey, hey, hey, let's go

Hey magnifico or should I say magnificent?

Ain't nothin' worth your happiness

And I ain't carin' who you're with

Misery love company

So we ain't tryin' to hang with y'all

Hurt you if ya let 'em in

Gotta keep ya sucka smilin'

Keep tryin' to play 'pology

I tell him I ain't bowlin' tho

Think they want me outta here

I tell 'em I ain't goin' tho

Side effects be drowsiness

Loneliness, how is this?

I think they call it hateration

What can you prescribe for this?

Forgive but I can't forget

Every day I deal with this

I live with the side effects

But I ain't gonna let them get the best of me

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