

# A List of Withouts

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One time for setbacks  
One time for progress  
Have hatred for the matrix or fall in love with the process  
Not enough sleeping  
Way too many prospects  
Always feeling fatigue but I have yet to need alarm set  
I'm jus bout the realest of things  
Ain't that the logic  
Lie awake with a dream and then fall asleep with a concept  
I hear a lot of chatter about hustling on the daily  
But when did the discussion come pay me? Never  
This the man that's behind the words that do whatever it takes  
I'm not too proud to eat the scrapings off plates  
Turn your nose up  
You're missing out  
What this about  
Having holdups?  
Well you can eat the chips on your shoulder  
Know what  
That ain't something that you can learn but on the way you could earn  
Rode through the fixes and the clenches never make a U-Turn  
And if you do  
You ain't ready for what anything cost  
Youngin' you soft  
Run along with your loss and jump off

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When do I not have a lot on my mind  
Contemplating what to do with my time  
I'm pursuing a grind that runs faster than my passion and I'm  
Tryna match it with the habit to shine  
Money coming and going  
Predict the pattern what I'm tryna define  
Already knowing is a tragic decline  
Before the show end show up with a "I know what" instead of "why"  
The answer ain't in the sky don't expect a reply  
I'm expecting to climb  
I'm scared to death that  
This the best I'ma get before God come and collect his breath back

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So I don't sweat that  
I got a lot of blessings to state  
And I would hate to take them all in the vein like I was shooting up base  
I'm in the trap you might know it as states  
I'm [?] boy wants the world to rejoice at my recording of tapes  
Y'all don't hear me why

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Turn it up

My mother worked the register all the way through her pregnancy  
Less than a week from getting me she was working to better me  
Pop's selling coke out on Lanny Park in the 70's  
He hustled for the struggle to stop the troubles ahead of me  
That's when he had a diner off of New Hampshire Ave  
Didn't last, Reaganomics set the market to crash  
When I'm back home I always make a point to go past  
To see the spot as a reminder of how good could go bad  
This the world that I inherited  
Furthered it through the murderous weekend meager the nervousness  
Look at me I'm impervious

Take your best shot and make sure that I'm done  
Cause if I'm not I'll come back to take the life from your lung  
I fight The Good Fight  
The merits of my actions is slow  
Overnight: Nothing worth it would grow  
This I learned from the modest of folks  
Fake artists with your targets' to blow  
Y'all implode  
We ain't guarding your soul  
Yeah

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