

# Pity

J. Cole

[feat. Omen & Voli] God help the hungry children  
Help the homeless children  
Help them to survive a World they can't understand  
God help the child who's needy  
Who deserves not pity  
Help them to survive this cold and bitter land  
[Hook: J Cole] Is this the life that you chose for me?  
Is this the life that you chose for me?  
Is this the dice that was rolled for me?  
I won't cry about it, I won't cry about it  
Is this the life that you chose for me Lord?  
Is this the life that you chose for me?  
Is this the dice that you rolled for me?  
[Verse 1: J Cole] Yeah, this is the Ville, home of the fast-lifers  
Where we get high and don't come down, we gas righteous  
Man, I wonder how hard to live my past life was  
Cause this one hard, I could show you my scars  
I ain't crying tho...  
Then save that pity for the next man  
Or that girl getting beat down by her ex-man  
Hey, hold your head, mama  
I know you wish that nigga dead, mama  
If I can find a way to kill him, I won't have any drama  
Damn mama, tell me who you love  
This one is for the boy that sees his mama on drugs  
I feel your pain, boy and just know that I been through the same, boy  
That lady needs you more than ever  
Don't be ashamed boy  
Cause when it rained, boy, that was your umbrella  
The one that changed your pissy sheets when you was a young fella  
And now she in the bedroom on her knees  
Staring at the sky, screaming "Lord please! "  
Tell me now  
[Hook: J Cole] Is this the life that you chose for me?  
Is this the life that you chose for me?  
Is this the dice that you rolled for me?  
I won't cry about it, I won't cry about it  
Is this the life that you chose for me Lord?  
Is this the life that you chose for me?

Is this the dice that was rolled for me?  
I won't cry about it, I won't cry about it  
[Verse 2:] Soon as you cling on, my mind's saying "be gone! "  
I leave em with wrinkled foreheads, they now Klingons  
Confused, cause friendship's abuse and I'm sorry for it  
My life performance been trifling, some nights I fight my conscience?  
Was never given space, but I always heard the heart

Always miss playing the hand that was dealt the joker cards  
It's what I was feeling like, lonely low energy  
Fallin slow clinically, ballin' over we finna be  
Don't pity me ever, even when them haters answering  
Mindstate of the victim, no victim, I'm just a champion  
Money come in slow, God, intervene  
Spirit's never broken, I'm just focused, don't pity me  
No no no, you see this pain put a strain on my whole life  
I seen the rain, seen my dreams turn to long nights  
But all I ask is don't pity me, no, no!  
Don't pity me, no, no, no!

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I won't cry about it, I won't cry about it  
Is this the life that you chose for me Lord?  
Is this the life that you chose for me?  
Is this the dice that was rolled for me?  
I won't cry about it, I won't cry about it  
I can't cry about it  
Nah, nah, be strong  
Can't cry about it  
Hey

[Verse 3:] I freestyle life, can barely write the rent  
Yearly income can barely keep this music life in check  
Call up mama, hate to borrow money, with Christmas near  
Hey you know what? How about we make each other gifts this year  
Friends are calling me up, asking me if I'm signed yet  
Who I'm working with? Am I making dollar signs yet?  
Disappointment within their voices, do they pity me?  
Disbelief, I'm a stay driven like them city streets  
But ah, it seems like every day is rainy weather  
Can barely fit my pain and poverty the same umbrella  
But he don't care, he don't care, it's hard to keep em dry  
No more caterpillar, now you see him change: peeping Tom  
This life'll flash before your eyes  
So get your match before your fire turns to ash

No more drive, no more gas, before you cry, get your last  
Before you die, live your past with no regrets  
Broken X, no looking back man  
[Hook: J Cole] Is this the life that you chose for me?  
Is this the life that you chose for me?  
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Is this the life that you chose for me Lord?  
Is this the life that you chose for me?  
Is this the dice that was rolled for me?  
Yeah

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