Side Effects

Parliament

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, 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
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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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