In My Sleep

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Baby girl told me in my sleep I was talkin'
So it's only natural I asked her what I said?
She said she woke up when she heard
But she was so damn tired she couldn't make out a word
She said she was tryin' to see if eventually
If I would scream the name of a bird
I told her that's absurd
And then gave her the face like, word?
And then she replied, yeah
Said it was quite weird, said she was type scared
I said that's the side effect that you get
When you trade bad dreams for some great nightmares
When I close my eyes, I escape the poltergeist
My escape from reality, just what I needed
Brings me to a place where shorty never cheated
And even if she tried and succeeded
In this other world I wouldn't even get heated
Fuck the details, I don't care about why
I'm chillin' with my grandmother, she ain't die
I was browsin' online and seen Mike on that banner
That said you can be like me and beat cancer
Anythin' I touched I feel
Know it's fiction but it seems so real
Was leavin' out the casino with a nympho
Yes Ray, it can be so simple
Here's how I avoid problem with my kin folk
Learn how to build me a house with no windows
And that's when I think I saw a ribbon in the sky
But it wasn't from an intro
'Cause where I'm at, there's no rumors or gossip
But still got love for Miss Info
She said in my sleep I be laughin'
But shit seem funny to me
My ice cream was two hundred degrees
If it dripped I'd get a hole in my dungarees
See my anonymity is my protection
And me and hip hop have no connection
Which got me to reflectin'
Is that why the mirror won't show my reflection?

When I close my eyes, there's no dollar
So we can stretch that one as an excuse
Of why folks do the things they do
Or why people act so brand new?
I had wings on flyin' outta prison with a ratchet
Was only there 'cause someone snitched
No one's poor but no one's rich
Just my way of creepin' if life's a bitch
Took a walk on the ceilin' just to get my mind right
That was yesterday, so in hindsight
Since I was able to haul off

I took it as God tellin' me, I'll never fall off
Got rid of the name brands and the jewelry
Most people just use it as medicine
Like it takes them somewhere they ain't never been
But here you better off not better then
Stuck in the room with an elephant
Open the closet and dapped up my skeleton
Had a convo with a man with no ears
And all of a sudden everythin' became so clear
Have no fear, I just bought a first class trip
To nowhere, everybody goes there
But they don't stay the whole year
Me I got three hundred and sixty five shows there
My girl said in my sleep I be walkin'
So I ask baby, where I go? She said I be walkin' slow
But she don't ever wanna get outta bed, so she don't know
I went to see a man walkin' on water
Asked if he'd ever get things back in order
I been there two years over a quarter
But every time I open my eyes, it's like torture
He said, please I gave you a whole other world
For you to go do with as you please
Just so you appeased, mixed with a couple
Of signs 'bout real life while you make believe
So I teleported outta there with a grin
Met a bum with a mansion that invited me in
Then we politicked about politics
Said somethin' 'bout Def Jam but I ain't acknowledge it
I went to see a virgin with AIDS
Yeah, I thought about smashin' that
Yeah, her ass was fat, so appealin'
Tattoo on her inner thigh that said
She was doin' better then she was feelin'

I think I seen shorty before, maybe in the club or somethin'
Maybe in VIP, but wasn't nobody there but me
And the club was all red and she started playin' with my head
And then I came
Then I asked shorty what's her name
And it was weird 'cause she fucked around and disappeared
Like what a cruel joke, cig lit but from it was no smoke
Flicked in the ashtray and seen Stack's face
Slashed to a school hallway on a half day
Was gettin' chased, couldn't tell by who
Then the hallway turned into a cliff
Screamin' piff before I was dead
Somehow I jumped my ass up out that bed
Then baby girl told me in my sleep I was screamin'
So I said, that's a lie, she put her right hand in the sky
And said, you was but I don't know why
Gotta go, goodbye

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