## Until

## Raheem DeVaughn

Now to understand the struggle, to understand payin' dues
And the pain of my people and your people all around the globe
You gotta feel me, listen to music, use itWhat you know about juggling jobs

And struggling hard and chasing dreams?

What you know about havin' no car

Rent bein' due and no bling bling? What you know about sacrificing

All your wants for all your needs?

What you know about lovin' your child

Just to find out that ain't your seed?Until you know my joy, know my pain and know my struggles

Until you've walked these shoes, paid my dues and felt my troubles

Until you've shed my tears, known my fears in all my years

Only 'til then, you only know what you think you knowWhat you know about hittin' that block

And dodging them cops to make ends meet?

What you know about the lights bein' off

The gas bein' off and no food to eat? What you know about goodwill clothes

While your friends dressed fly in junior high?

What you know about grandma's words

When she said, "One day, boy, you gon' shine "Until you know my joy, know my pain and know my struggles

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Until you've shed my tears, known my fears in all my years

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Only 'til then, you only know what you think you knowWhat you know about writin' late at night

By candlelight 'til the shit is tight?

What you know about late night prayers

And late night tears, hopin' God? What you know about earning your keep

Because you don't bend, break or ask?

And don't you know the last'll be first

Hey and the first will be last? Until you know my joy, know my pain and know my struggles

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Until you've shed my tears, known my fears in all my years

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Only 'til then, you only know what you think you knowHey and those who know my struggle

And those who know my pain

Put one finger in the air Until then, I said until then, yeahUntil you walk in my shoes, paid my dues (Until you, until you, until you)

Know my struggles, know my troubles

(Until you, until you, until you, until you know, until you know, until you know, until you know, until you know

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