

Castle Walls (feat. Christina Aguilera)

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Everyone thinks that I have it all
But it's so empty living behind these castle walls
These castle wallsIf I should tumble, if I should fall
Would any one hear me screaming behind these castle walls?
There's no one here at all
Behind these castle wallsObserving the estate through the gate
From the outside looking in
Bet you would think I got it made
Better look againI got a butler, got a maid, and a mansion
The belief is that I'm living out a millionaire's fantasy
With Phantoms and Ferraris in the driveway
But you see, it came in exchange of a sane man's sanityYour vision jaded by the Grammys on the mantelpiece
Just switch your camera lenses
You would see the agonyApparently it's damaging the man you see before you
On the canvas he may seem alright but all the disadvantages
His family encounters overshadows his extravagance
Walk in my nine's a while, I dare you, it'll scare youWhile it surely seem like the king life seem glamorous
As seen through the eyes of untrained amateurs
Because the camera doesn't see beyond the walls of the smiles
On the castle 'til it falls in a pile.Everyone thinks that I have it all
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Behind these castle wallsHonestly to me, I think I'd lose every benefit
Of all that I've accomplished if my kids never win at shit
Me knowing this, why should the verses I've laid
Be more important to me than the persons I've raised?I guess I'm saying that to say the opportunity
That they just don't equate to all the time they take away
From the kids all the shit I did right's a mistake
If they should end up a stripper and make jack slanging yayHow could I ever consider myself a great
If Messiah ain't paid and Nique Nique ain't straight
Would your favorite song about the whips, money and shit
Be relevant if you found out the money wasn't rich, nopeSo me being the goat shouldn't mean more to me
Than see it to a king though
From a bad ass kid to man with some dough
Otherwise I may well have stayed poorSo while they stay focused on me beefin'
With Flip and Shawty Lo
Gucci or Ludacris, or if I'm fucking with a ho

Did I snitch when I got arrested or will I die over nonsense?

Internally I'm dealing with this conflict So excuse me if I don't get the chance to kiss the hand

That slapped me in the face, ay, I'm just a man

If they saying I ain't the best at making hit records

It's 'cause this my life, these ain't just records Bet you ain't think at all nigga that deep, did ya dawg?

See you can't see the castle for the walls 'til it falls

Bet ain't think it was that deep, did ya dawg?

'Cause see you can't see the castle for the walls 'til it falls Everyone thinks that I have it all

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Would any one hear me screaming behind these castle walls?

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Behind these castle walls Nobody knows I'm all alone

Living in this castle made of stone

They say that money is freedom

But I feel trapped inside it all And while I sit so high up on a throne

I wonder how I can feel this low

On top of the world it's beautiful

But there's no place to fall For the record ay, I give a damn if I never said shit again

My career was meant for me to come and tell you this

Honest interpretation of how affected when faced with

Matters most rappers choose to keep

Locked away in the basement Every day that I walk away I ain't sayin' that I'm amazin'

Downplaying the way I kept fellas from catchin' cases

Won't take into consideration how much it mean what I'm saying

If when I say what I mean

Even when I'm surrounded by the fakers From one of the greatest sinners

Blessed with most of God's graces

Who made his way amongst the greatest

From the grimiest places So next time you rating royalty

And more is being given to recordings

Than the level of your loyalty

You obviously been ignoring me Who else ya seen make it through the storm

Unharmed this charmin'

While all the critics was looking for Prince Charmin'

Disregarded the King of the South but raised doubt Even though he made a castle out what used to be a house

He did shit that all your favorite rappers only rap about

But most of y'all don't see the castle for the walls

And it smiles 'til it falls into piles, so while Everyone thinks that I have it all

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