Can I Live

Jay-Z

Talking ma, I know the situation is personal
But it something that has to be told
As I was making this beat
You was all I could think about you heard my voice
Yeah, just think, just think
What if you could Just
Just blink your self away
Just, just wait just pause for a second
Let me plead my case
It's the late 70's, huh
You seventeen, huh

And having me that will ruin everything, huh
It's a lot of angels waiting for their wings
You see me in your sleep so you cant kill your dreams
300 dollars that's the price of living what?

Mommy, I don't like this clinic
Hopefully you'll make the right decision
And don't go through with the knife decision
But it's hard to make the right move
When you in high school

How you have to work all day and take night school Hopping off da bus when the rain is pouring

What you want morning sickness
Or the sickness of mourning
I will always be apart of you
Trust your soul know it's always true
If I could talk I would say to you

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I am a child of the king

Ain't no need to go fear me

And I see the flowing tears so know that you hear me When I move in your womb that's me being scary 'Cause who knows what my future holds Yo the truth be told you ain't told a soul
Yo you ain't even showing I'm just 2 months old
Through your clothes try to hide me deny me
Went up 3 sizes

Your pride got you lying saying ain't nothing but a migraine It ain't surprising you not trying to be in Wic food lines Your friends will look at you funny but look at you mommy

> That's a life inside you look at your tummy What is becoming ma I am Oprah bound

> You can tell he's a star from the Ultrasound

Our spirits connected doors open now

Nothing but love and respect thanks for holding me down, she let me live

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It's uplifting fo' real y'all I ain't passing no judgment Ain't making no decisions

I am just telling y'all my story my love life

I love my mother for giving me life We all need to appreciate life

A strong woman that had to make a sacrifice Thanks for listening, thanks for listening

Mama, thanks for listening

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