

# Crunch Time

J. Cole

(Intro: J. Cole)

Tick

This is for my niggas in the fourth quarter

Just watching that clock tick. Yeah

(Verse 1: J. Cole)

You said, at what point do you start seeing bread?

Been out hustling for years, shoe box right under my bed

I move the work out my momma's house, got me a little old crib

I always fantasize if I had went to college instead

Would I be happily married instead of broke and unwed?

My nigga made a major move I said I hope for the best

I told my sister as I kissed her cheek I'm better off dead

Fucking with this white, it's all been downhill like a sled

Now listen, I understand they say you make your own bed

But tell me who supplied these sheets with this cheap ass thread

In denial about the feds, he can't see past bread

Now do exactly what the man in the ski mask says, okay?

These are the times, survival my only crime

I gotta be on my grind, a lot of my homies gone

Inside of me Lord I know, it's a lie that we gon' be fine

But momma I'm tired of crying, just lie to me one more time

(Hook)

Cause it's crunch time

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Shit real man

A nigga got bills man it's crunch time.

Shit real man a nigga got bills

(Verse 2: J Cole)

Look, scavenge these records of these days MP3's

Looking for the samples to put a nigga on MTV's

This is for nigga's with empty dreams and empty jeans

Still holding on to the word maybe

Cause this 9 to 5 shit is driving you stir crazy

Coming home tired just to hear it from your lady

Hollaring about your baby, need this and need that

And all you want is peace and quiet

Maybe some feedback, on these raps

Cause labels ain't hollering, and niggas ain't downloading

Nobody see your vision, they walking around blindfolded  
All this time holding on to possibilities  
You step outside, you smoke a blunt and then you feel the breeze  
Fuck what they talking, it ain't like life come often  
Only thing worse than death is a regret filled coffin  
So try before you die or always wonder what if?  
I thank the lord for this wonderful gift  
Looking for strength in this crunch time  
(Hook)  
Looking for strength in the crunch time  
This shit real dawg a nigga got bills dawg  
It's crunch time  
Yeah  
Nigga it's crunch time  
This shit real dawg a nigga got bills dawg  
(Outro: J. Cole)  
I feel your pain nigga trust me  
For all my nigga's out there still trying to get it  
Few nigga's I know, few nigga's I don't know  
Shout out to my nigga filthy  
Nervous Wreck  
Shout out to my nigga Marcus  
Nigga I forgive you for all that shit you said  
I understand my nigga  
Still love. Yeah

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