

Story of Me (feat. Pearl Gates & Denez Prigent)

Masta Ace

[Intro - Masta Ace]

Still here

Somehow[Verse 1 - Masta Ace]

Man, took me 15 years to understand my worth

It was 1988 when Marley planned my birth

Had to get my feet up out of the sand and surf

Never thought that my rap lines would span the earth

But they did, went to every corner of the globe

It's time to reveal since yall really wanna probe

I went from a Brownsville kid born in Kings County,

To Queenstown sittin in a sauna in a robe

And since then never took a day off from the pen

Understood hard work would pay off in the end, yeah

For as long as my body is strong

I'ma give it all I got, try to body a song

I'ma give it all I got, try to rip that show

And yo, understand I gotta get that dough

And so, 'cause I know how to spit that flow

Sold out three nights in a row like tic-tac-toe

In the fast line kick back slow, no need to rush

We royalty, bow down at the feet of us

The anticipation is like standing on the corner in the cold and you can see the bus

It's finally here, our arrival

Raised in the ghetto singin songs for survival

We stand united by the beat man

Tight plan right hand on the Bible (yeah)[Bridge - Masta Ace]

Tryin to let you know

Just wanna let you see

Real is all I know

Real is what I be

Time is not for yall

Now is not for me

Life is beautiful

This the story of me[Chorus - Pearl Gates]

Just trying to make history, gotta make history

Ain't no mystery, gotta make history

Know my history, gotta make history

Can't shake destiny, just gotta make history

Yeah yeah yeah[Verse 2 - Masta Ace]

Almost had the 90s by the throat (yup)
I was just that close to gettin money by the boat load
Instead of hoping what I wrote flowed
Could of said "Whoomp, there it is!"
But it would've felt so wrong to do that song
Trying to prove I belong in a crew that strong
Listen, understand this is preordained
This is written by God then we all came
Could of signed with Def Jam but Lyor changed
Changed his mind at the strangest time
He was still destined to sign a dangerous mind
Another cat, with the grind the same as mine
Another son born on the fourth would come
He was of course the one with that course to run
And like a ham sandwich on the softest bun
I refused to eat it, I would not be defeated
Here to stay and get a lot completed
This is what I got to offer, what I got is needed
Confident but I'm not conceited
And I swear, the same mistakes I made will not be repeated
I choose to keep paying up dues
Life tried to beat me up like scuffed shoes
It was hard, doctor caught me off guard
Same places I was born got the rough news[Chorus - Pearl Gates]
We rise we fall and pray for better days
While shooting for the stars and pray for better aim
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Yeah yeah yeah[Verse 3 - Masta Ace]
Story of me, never would of knew me without it
And they won't make a movie about it
I mean I guess they could, but truly I doubt it
Mad friends watching Ralph McDaniels knew me and shouted
"Oh snap that's the vow, he live in my building"
Life in the PJs living and building

Whether you in Seflow or living in Tildin
Trying to escape: men, women, and children
A product of the same and when I got in the game
Initially my moms was really shocked and ashamed
She was like, "Boy you got a bachlors."
And I was like, "Why they call it a BS?"
Bullshit walks as far as what I was taught
Yet I ain't had one job interview and she stressed
The story of me, born from the story of us
Studio bound the story a bust
My hyundai is in the shop, no warranty
I need a new regulator, no Warren G
But I'ma get by, do or die
And then I left URI, yeah
I looked around and then came the yellow tape
I decided to sit on chrome and accelerate
And after that I knew they wanted me gone
And singing the swan song but I decided to let them wait

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