

# The Pessimist (feat. J. Cole)

Wale

A nigga feelin' hopeless  
Who am I to change perception?  
If a nigga kill a nigga he's another statistic  
If his skin's a little different they gon' say it was self defense  
Nigga feelin' hopeless  
Starin' at the idiom box, riddle me this  
If a killer was a nigga would niggas still really care  
Cause niggas worser than Zimmerman livin' life everywhere  
Niggas hopeless  
Small niggas with big tools  
Couldn't get to Harvard, hard work, he hard whipped  
Cause them hardy hah's and hard nights  
Are hard to live through  
When you hopeless  
What we gotta do to be winnin'?  
Cause all the schools gettin' closed  
Dribble a little, coach, shootin' at a foe  
Cause they chargin' them to hoop at community center  
My nigga, hopeless  
25 bands, he was shootin' not a damn givin'  
Cousin threw a couple grand at some dancers  
Throwin' back their fat ass, is my glasses confused?  
We're the hopeless  
America's dream and nightmare in the same being  
Even when being polite here  
Niggas try to bring me down, the life of a pioneer  
Lightyears worth of hopeless  
Celebrities celebratin' disgust me  
The cerebellum invaded with all these fresh things on  
Watchin' "Love and Hip Hop : Atlanta" as we speak  
Nigga we hopeless  
Okay, the Steebie show is on  
And so my broad rollin' weed now she's mad at me  
Cause she seen a scene with Rasheeda baby father  
Said, "You niggas all hopeless" Got a pocket full of lint again, but it make no difference to me  
Fallin' out with my friends again, but it make no difference to me  
Goddamn I'm hopeless  
Oh man I'm hopeless  
Got no gas in my tank again, but it make no difference to me

Overdraft at the bank again, but it make no difference to me  
Goddamn I'm hopeless  
Lord knows I'm hopeless  
Still I prayNigga feelin' hopeless  
Like a Penny with a hole in it  
We as empty as a corazÃ³n of a widow  
From a soul that she don't know when he's comin' home  
He don't got no limit, hopeless  
What's a purple heart to a hurt head?  
He done done 12 years, he was told 6  
Prolly go back in a minute, ain't shit here  
Nigga so hopeless  
Thoughts are ravaging in the whole crib  
Now he post-traumatic and always on the edge  
On the pills, some bills, two kids, one leg  
Nigga so hopeless  
A lot of black cops always clap back  
And some foul white cops always on deck  
Playin' race card, guarantee you'll make a blackjack  
Nigga so hopeless  
Cause we ain't 'posed to ever have shit  
And we ain't vocal as rap  
Niggas cause we don't mope unless we trap hits  
Nigga hopeless  
Look at what I go through to show you  
Niggas respect money, money respect power  
And power, we never given unless  
A nigga catch, shoot or dribble  
We are hopeless  
Nah you ain't out here for the culture  
You finna riot, without a purpose  
You ain't a mothafuckin' rider, you a fuckin' token, posin'  
Nigga hopeless  
Of course not literal  
But why complain about the man  
When a nigga with my skin  
The same problems with them I had  
Is out there killin' niggas too?  
Eat your food, niggaGot a pocket full of lint again, but it make no difference to me  
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