

# Letter To My Son

Akon

I had to do bad, so you can do better  
I was locked in the pen when I wrote you this letter  
But you was way too young, don't understand no evil and no better  
It's time that I tell you who I am, so I can protect you

'Cause a bad role model is something I can't afford to be (To you)  
'Cause only me and God knows what I did just to eat

I steal for you, I deal for you  
That's what I did for you  
To get a meal for you  
Nearly died for you  
Did the time for you  
I survived for you  
To provide for you  
All this for you  
Did this for you  
All that I do  
I do for you

So you don't have to...  
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So you don't have to...  
So you don't have to...

Made a couple trips home  
Had a couple bricks on me  
And always kept a stick on me  
Can't let 'em make a victim of me  
Risk my life for you  
Dodging blue lights for you  
Working overnight for you  
So you're growing up to be just like me

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Did it so you don't have to  
Did it all so that you never have to (Oh, no, no, no)  
Did it so you don't have to (Don't do it)

Did it all so that you never have to (Oh, no, no, no)  
Did it so you don't have to (I did it)  
Did it all so that you never have to (Oh, no, no, no)  
Did it so you don't have to (Don't do it)  
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