

# 16 CARRIAGES

Beyoncé

Sixteen carriages drivin' away  
While I watch them ride with my dreams away  
To the summer sunset on a holy night  
On a long back road, all the tears I fight  
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At fifteen, the innocence was gone astray  
Had to leave my home at an early age  
I saw Mama prayin', I saw Daddy grind  
All my tender problems, had to leave behind

It's been umpteen summers, and I'm not in my bed  
On the back of the bus and a bunk with the band  
Goin' so hard, gotta choose myself  
Underpaid and overwhelmed  
I might cook, clean, but still won't fold  
Still workin' on my life, you know  
Only God knows, only God knows  
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Sixteen dollars, workin' all day  
Ain't got time to waste, I got art to make  
I got love to create on this holy night  
They won't dim my light, all these years I fight

It's been thirty-eight summers, and I'm not in my bed  
On the back of the bus and a bunk with the band  
Goin' so hard, now I miss my kids  
Overworked and overwhelmed  
I might cook, clean, but still won't fold  
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Oh, oh  
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At fifteen, the innocence was gone astray  
Had to take care of home at an early age  
I saw Mama cryin', I saw Daddy lyin'  
Had to sacrifice and leave my fears behind  
The legacy, if it's the last thing I do  
You'll remember me 'cause we got somethin' to prove  
In your memory, on a highway to truth  
Still see your faces when you close your eyes

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