

Born Alone

Billy Woods

Dead man's shoes, double dare you to rock 'em
Slip 'em on smooth, they gonna fit no problem
They always do
It's like they were made for your two feets
Kids laid out in the streets
No kicks, limbs askew
That's how they did my cousin in '86
Auntie saw it on the news
He had one on, one off was by the bare foot that she knew
My wife said "The baby feet look just like you" and I thought about that
When they went to sleep, I cried too
Dog eared Timberland boot
Sauconys on a Brooklyn stoop, in pretty good shape
Toothbrush the suede
Mouth full of toothpaste lookin' in the mirror, like
"I know my day comin', I pray it's not today"
Seen 'em coming like, "Hold on, hold on, wait"
Doctor read the X-rays while you read the doctor's face
I rock a clean pair of socks every day, just in case

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I had a zipper brick on the night stand
Woke to a pile of twelve 12s, it had a skunky smell
Shoemaker in the Ls
I'mma go back in time, tell that young boy, "Give 'em hell"
If it's a fight, fight to the bell
Peep the six CD carousel, Skytel pager, my eyes well
I wager he never realized he was talkin' to himself (just as well)
Back in the present
Bustin' open a pack, fingers sticky with resin
I've heard it all before like Russian peasants
That's that loop for you, that's what the loop do
Sebb Bash pulled it out the dollar bin where he had his stash
Handed it to Al and said, "Track two" (It's true)
History never repeats, it do rhyme though
Trying to catch the loop
Loophole like a gunshow
Dropped out of JUCO like it's donezo, puto
Let's get it out the mud
Son was barefoot by the end of the month
(You know how it goes)

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