

# Problematic

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I grew up as your usual suburbanite  
A tiny town in Massachusetts, overwhelmingly white  
I went to church on Sundays in a suit and a tie  
Then spent my free time watching Family Guy  
I started doing comedy when I was just a sheltered kid  
I wrote offensive shit, and I said it  
Father, please forgive me, for I did not realize what I did  
Or that I'd live to regret it

Times are changing, and I'm getting old  
Are you gonna hold me accountable?  
My bed is empty and I'm getting cold  
Isn't anybody gonna hold me accountable? Uh

I'm problematic (He's a problem)  
When I was seventeen, on Halloween  
I dressed up as Aladdin (He's a problem)  
I did not darken my skin, but still, it feels weird in hindsight

I want to show you how I'm growing as a person, but first  
I feel I must address the lyrics from the previous verse  
I tried to hide behind my childhood, and that's not okay  
My actions are my own, I won't explain them away  
I've done a lot of self-reflecting since I started singing this song  
I was totally wrong when I said it  
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I'm problematic (He's a problem)  
I just remembered that Aladdin costume's  
In my mother's attic (He's a problem)  
I'm gonna go home and burn it  
Or not burn it. Is burning it bad? What should I do with it?

And I've been totally awful  
My closet is chock-full of stuff that is vaguely shitty  
All of it was perfectly lawful  
Just not very thoughtful at all and just really shitty  
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And I'm really fucking sorry  
Bitch, I'm trying to listen  
Shit, I've been complicit  
Sorry  
If I'm gonna catch up  
First, I gotta fess up  
Sorry  
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