

WHEN I BALL

BROCKHAMPTON

My momma said I didn't come into this world with tears
Instead I welcomed her with open eyes and open ears
Became the glue to a few things that couldn't be repaired
We saw our future in each other blendlin' hope and fear
Some things you don't get to decide, it's just a fate you share
I used to try to hold the weight that she would need to bear
Watched uncles goin' on vacation for a couple years
When they came back they needed clothes and had no souvenirs
I pick up the phone, they're callin' us from correction
But nothin' is wrong, it's fillin' my heart with questions
My momma is home, I'm followin' her expressions
A drop in her tone, some things that she had to mention
I nodded, I listened, she had all of my attention
When you on your own, there's gonna be some directions
I need you to follow and never make an exception
I nodded, she held me and wished I would be protected

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I can be anything I wanna be
But it's hard to see, it's hard to be
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On my sucker free shit since I was a fetus
Pullin' up at the doc in a Mazda 626
Bet my dad was trippin' bad, hit the gas like car chase
Light blue in the back, momma gettin' labor pains
Dropped my sister at the bulls like house was 23
Sweat drippin' down the face like river runnin' free
Dark mornin' with the fog pourin' in and out the trees
Every movement through they eyes seem to zoom at light speed
Before me she lost one still born tragedy
Grittin' the teeth down to the root, pain like a cavity
Holdin' hands like they glued Radio channel on news
Valentines with a x up on the calendar
They knew I would be a fuckin' baller like them posters on the wall
A little stain could be the beauty in it all
Amidst all the trouble most ya luck was rubbin' off
Stickin' to ya like moss
You my Kate, you my rock, forever

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It's hard to be
You always used to tell me
I can be anything I wanna be
But it's hard to see
It's hard to be with you

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