

# Shoulda Known

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And the heat is rising  
Everything inside is screaming turn around now  
Just run and hide  
But, I've been doing that for my whole life  
Yeah, it's now or never  
I said it's now or never

I come in peace  
Feeling like Michael Corleone when he dropped his piece  
I thought I burned that house, so I tossed the keys  
I must've never lost the pics, 'cause they're haunting me  
Autumn leaves, uh  
My DM's like a Slip'n'Slide  
I need it like a needle, I can't sleep at night  
Hedonism, I didn't heed advice  
Now I'm in the fetal, dang Pops was right  
I was like a kid in a candy store  
A sour one, couldn't find what I was lookin' for  
I grew up wanting to sing and rep the gospel  
You keep your nose clean when you grow up Penecostal  
Found a new way 'cause that was hard to follow  
This was easier to taste, but hard to swallow  
Like you leave the buffet, feeling weak and hollow  
So I ran to a legend like there's no tomorrow  
I shoulda known

I shoulda known better (shoulda known)  
I shoulda known better (yeah, I shoulda known better, uh)  
I shoulda known better (yeah, I shoulda known better, uh)  
I shoulda known...  
Better than to (come back here)  
Known better than to (come back here)  
Uh uh, uh, known better than to (come back here)  
Yeah, (come back here)

Yeah, my idol said I'm Lauryn Hill  
Then I woke up to a record deal  
A fresh start'll take my mind of the sex appeal  
I still want the women, but I'll let 'em chill  
I guess it was a pipe dream  
Made it to the league, not the right team  
They shoulda known ain't another artist like me  
And I came from a genre that don't like me  
Wifey left and I couldn't go get her  
Too focused on tryna be a tone setter, uh  
By the time I could see the whole set-up  
The label fell apart and my home was no better, uh  
So glad I could call on my brother  
We made a whole album and he let me keep the money  
So sad that I lost Mya's mother  
And even though we moving on, I'm always gonna love her, yeah ya'll

I shoulda known better (Jesus)  
I shoulda known better (I shoulda known)  
I shoulda known better (I shoulda known)  
I shoulda known...  
Better than to (come back here)

Oh Lord, I, I know better, yo (come back here)  
Uh huh, know better (come back here)  
Oh oh, (come back here)

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Overall, I had a blast, even last year  
No regrets, just passing here  
And I ain't exiting to come back  
I ain't been booked in like 2 months  
And half the check-ins spent half the check, yeah  
And I knew this whole thing was gon' be tentative  
I seen a pretty penny payed for some penitence  
I seen people judge people  
Be enemies, be friends then different and then be friends again  
And say that's forgiveness, but that's an industry I was committed in  
That's how Christian rap get dividends  
That's some new friends, you get what you got  
I knew from the get-go that my cousin was finna pop  
So in seven years, some people will love you just to leverage it  
Don't look too long that those with limited celebrities  
Sittin' next to this puppy to keep it real  
Can't depend on record deals, I'm here switching careers  
Sending resumé's

I shoulda known better than to come back here  
But come to think of it  
Nobody's even home  
I see the writing on the wall  
It's your name