

## 25 Bucks

Danny Brown

25 bucks, momma braid your hair  
Sit on the porch, she'll do it on the stairs  
Grew your hair out and you wanna get it twisted  
Fed us many nights nigga that's how we was living

I'll not get old  
If I dig with my knees, if I grind on my teeth  
I know from the attic of me  
From the bottoms of cleats, from the wayward it seeds

Arthritis in her fingers, carpal tunnel in her wrists  
'Bout to feed her kids at night sit between her legs and twist  
While she listen to the oldie soap operas smoking bogies  
On the phone gossiping telling homegirls stories  
Girlfriend worried cause her son's in a hurry  
To see the state Pen' or a cemetery buried  
Ma replied do her best but it's still rough  
Keep your kids out the street and away from drugs  
Doing hair in the house ain't putting on Daniel  
Daddy in and out, ay, who turned that channel?  
Sneakers turn to house shoes, stepping on the back  
Ashing her cigarette in a brown paper bag  
Smoking joints, lauging tryna get the part straight  
For ten, put your perm in, don't scratch all day  
Hot cocoa stove put the food in the bowl  
Say that's how many nights it was hard to keep going

Now I'm trapped in the trap and the devil ain't forgetting  
Wanna see me dead or locked in a prison  
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Iverson zig zags, good night fast food  
If you really balling, mommy cop Chinese food  
If you really wonder why these people got issues  
Cause the rent owed and the fucking lights due  
On her knees at night, pray a miracle come through  
Daddy shooting Craps, tryna win a pair of shoes  
I been growing my hair 'bout to let mommy twist it  
Out wilding with my friends even got myself a biscuit  
Homie momma smoking with nothing to lose  
Now he stashing cracks in some hundred dollar shoes  
Sitting at his crib, smoking Swishers, getting faded  
Told me hit my mommy up, cause he tryna get braided  
What we gon' do see the local dope man  
See if we can put some money in our hand  
Same one jump me, the same one front me  
Cause I'm tired of seeing my family fucked up and hungry

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