

# Need A Sign

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If you ask me, since Harlem, our family's always been like  
It's been the best of times, it was the worst of times (Worst)  
I needed a sign  
2008, my mother passes away (RIP)  
I'm at rock bottom  
Dave's with me through my mother's situation (Yeah, I was)  
But he's still playin' basketball, he's doing his thing (Yeah, I was)  
Two years later, he gives me a call  
He's hit rock bottom (Yeah, I did)  
He's gettin' kicked out of school  
He has another dream: to rap  
He tells me he needs to come back to New York  
And if he has this opportunity, he's gonna make it  
I knew I was already strugglin', I didn't even want him to come back  
And be in the streets, I didn't want him to get into any bullshit  
We didn't really have much, na'mean? We were just together  
All we had was each other and his dream  
I look back now, I think of 6E, that front door (Pals)  
Right by the staircase, perfect place, that back room I grew up in  
He's been such an inspiration to so many  
People see the grind and the pain, the struggle he's gone through (Right)  
That we've been through (Right)  
But this is for everybody out there (Yeah, it is)  
Lookin', thinkin', dreamin', everybody needs a sign (Yeah, they do)  
Sometimes you can't see it yourself  
You need a sign, need some help

We know we guilty but we gon' act like we innocent (On God)  
My Glock was filthy, need disinfectant to get it in (Oh, God)  
My grandpops was an immigrant, never a citizen (Never)  
They expect me to vote, told my mother, I needed Ritalin (Crazy)  
Was born crazy, (Lost) I never felt like I was normal (Never)  
The sun shine bright after it rain, that's what the storm do (Right)  
Roll a blunt and wish I could trade places with Freaky (Malik)  
Until I sit and realize my daughter really need me (On God)  
I had to cut ties with my closest, niggas is greedy (Greedy)  
You can see the pain in my eyes as soon as you see me (Look)  
Aladdin had me tryna make wishes, wasn't no genies (None)  
Halal if I was talkin' bout lambs, no Lamborghinis (None)  
We was really starvin', in my aunty crib hearin' Marvin  
Had to travel the world to realize nowhere like Harlem (Nowhere)  
I tried to keep my distance from niggas that's scared of problems (Scared)  
Them niggas realize you food, then anywhere, they'll rob him (Anywhere)  
You ever tuck in your jewelry? Then you don't need to shine (You don't need it)  
All the money in the world won't bring you peace of mind (Nope)  
All them chains don't matter, they hate to see you shine  
Was lost, prayin' to God, beggin' him, like, "I need a sign" (I need one)  
Show me how to do it when ain't nothin' workin' (Workin')  
I just hope that I don't shoot if we meet up in person (God)  
Now they ask my feature price, they never wanted verses (God)  
Now I live a different life, can't see my mother workin' (On God)  
Should I rob 'em? Should I shoot 'em? I just need a sign (I need one)  
You know I've been goin' through it, just give me a sign (Don't blow it)

I promise we all could do it, I just need some time (I promise)  
Should I continue with this music? Just give me a sign (Tell)

Thinkin' 'bout the day when I won't need to rhyme  
She tryna lie on me or she love me? I just need a sign (I needed one)  
I close my eyes and pray, like, "I just need a sign" (Pray)  
I listen to what you tell me, I can't read your mind

I need a sign, I need to blind 'em, eh  
Before the diamonds  
Though I've been live, I set my timin', eh  
Ain't no silver lining  
They can't control me, f\*ck your controllers  
Lost in the sofa least every mornin'  
I'm takin' over, f\*ck these emotions, all the signs  
Hey, niggas callin' like we homies now, not  
I bet they stop with all that trollin' now, blocked  
Made that rooftop into a floor for now, it's a sign  
Now it's Rolls when we rollin' out, drop  
f\*ck a lease, I gotta buy the block, block  
f\*ck them people, there's a bottom line, no need to sign

My man died before we talked, ain't get to speak in time  
Them grams had them smokers lookin' like a sneaker line  
My little man don't wanna rumble, so he keep a 9  
Not breakin' it down, keepin' this pot, shit, this peace of mind  
I'm on my daughter, across the water, I hope she don't see no crime  
There's problems, I pull up on the bike, I'm on Deebo time  
I tried to ask my father to help me, told me, "I need to grind"  
Your funeral packed, but you dead, can't even see the line  
I hope I see the signs  
It break your heart when a youngin' dyin', he was nine  
They say he stop, but we speedin', so we don't see the sign  
Feel like a war goin' on when all your people dyin'  
Niggas is numb and they gon' act like they don't see you cryin'  
You got a chance to get outta here, we don't need you ridin'  
He just need a sign (He just need a sign)  
Nobody keep it real with him, he tired of people lyin'  
He sick of lightin' up candles, too many people dyin'  
Knowin' you might get up out the hood, that shit'll keep you tryin'  
I'm used to the jungle, nigga, I been a lion  
Walk in the booth, kill everything, even my pen is dyin'  
That shit they tried to teach in school, we ain't consider science  
You a sucker if you give up, too many niggas tryin'  
Pocket watchin', you focused on what your nigga buyin'  
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