

## My 24th Birthday

Dave

I spent my twenty-fourth birthday with the people I love  
For the diamonds, gotta see through the dust  
God, I know I ain't easy to love  
I just wish that Abdulla could've seen what we've done  
I retired my mum, moved out with my friends  
That's where the problems start, that it ain't where it ends  
How many single moms sacrifice it all for their kids?  
Stop workin', feel they haven't got a reason to live  
I believe that God fed the five thousand with the bread and the fish  
'Cah I seen mommy do some similar things  
It can help you or harm you  
Depends on how you usin' the rope  
How are we in the wrong for supplyin' drugs?  
The government's the reason that we use 'em to cope  
I made friends with a flame, and I'm used to the smoke, yeah  
When we never had a thing, we still split in half  
It's the people with the least that got the biggest hearts  
One of a kind, true love, it ain't just somethin' you find  
A good girl ain't just somethin' you find  
I get along with gold diggers, and that's somethin' I find  
But it's probably 'cah now I got more money than time  
My friends say they worry 'bout me, I just tell 'em, "I'm fine"  
I took a look in the mirror, and now I wish I was blind  
Is she the love of my life or in love with the life?  
Backstabber, see the blood on your knife  
My mum covered me in blood, but it was comin' from Christ  
Disaronno on the rocks, I pour a double with ice  
I take trips to wind down, I ain't readin' at night  
The only time I touch books when I'm seekin' a flight  
Can you hear me? Let me speak in the mic  
God, I know I ain't easy to like, but still I'm seekin' the light  
I spent a quarter million on renovatin' my house  
And couldn't even live in it 'cause they was stakin' it out  
Tracker in my car, felt like double-o-seven  
Whipped the Aston out of park, I knew his energy was dark  
Livin' out the Carinthia, didn't even have a yard  
But that's where I met my teacher, and I learned to play guitar  
Guess it's written in the stars, life comes at you fast  
Squeeze the Urus in a convoy of cars  
We got it on us, you don't even gotta ask  
Don't trouble us, fame comes quicker than money does  
Salmon pink suit, I'm like De Niro in Casino  
Life gave me lemons, I gave you a branzino, and I seasoned it  
Me and Drake, we're in a private room reasonin'  
And he's been always there when I needed him  
Listen, I'm the reason why your dream girls all wiggle their asses  
Drink wine, but don't finish their glasses, snap pics in Bahamas  
Sniper, do it in silence, I ain't in all the drama  
In this town, I got the crown, but I ain't been in the plaza  
Fuckin' crosses, teams on conspiracy charges  
Gardens laid out in astro', I ain't dealin' with grasses  
Fuck a snitch, got my guys remanded  
Life of an artist, pretty women, triple-A passes  
Slim thick, skin slick, I mean, it's comin' like it's oil she bath in  
See the harvest, see the seeds I planted  
There's a drought in the ends, I'm in Cali' with a ting  
I'll end up postin' a pack like I was snappin' in the gym

Check my records, you can bang it on the wing  
I lost friends, but it's my innocence I miss  
I guess ignorance is bliss  
I ain't braggin', only rap about a fraction of my sins  
My young Gs don't count a stabbin' if it happened in his limbs  
The world is my fuckin' office, book her a trip to the tropics  
I'm feelin' philanthropic, nigga, that's a different topic  
The GMT and EST, they're gonna think I'm foreign  
Different timezones, and that's the way I gotta pick my watches  
Streatham Vale, but you could say I live in Gotham  
Way I take the Birkin and I kill a croquet, you can see the little locket  
Bro, it ain't no wonder why she finna top it  
Look, I ain't a striker, I'm a CAM becah' it's in the pockets  
Tell 'em to miss me  
Never signed a deal, you niggas hatin' on history, and I took the ends with  
me  
That eight-figure check wasn't enough to convince me  
But that's the only time I turned my back on a sixteen  
Life is a game, you can't play it in split-screen  
Mm-mm  
God hasn't given me a test I couldn't handle yet  
I don't ever bother tryna match it when the scammers flex  
Give her somethin' money can't buy, and that's the challenge next  
Ambidex', problems comin' at me from the right and left  
Love is dead, enough gyal are doin' the most  
If you're talkin' engagement, it's probably to do with a post  
I'm at that age where everybody's gettin' married or havin' kids  
Feel like it happened quick  
Commitments, hella pressure, there's enough of that as it is  
Can't make the same mistakes that my daddy did  
'Cah I know what the damage did  
How you raise a life, and you haven't' lived?  
But what's livin'? Is it clubbin' and bangin' chicks or plannin' trips?  
Or some sort of pleasure I haven't managed to factor in?  
I guess I'll let you know when the stats are in  
Your friends get busy, the cracks start showin'  
And that's when the distance in between us start growin'  
We all want it, I just wanted it more  
I think this money's exposed my flaws  
The clean hearted find it harder for sure  
See, most people that are wealthy, they ain't good in their core  
You either rich off of talent or exploitin' the poor  
I'm twenty-four and an adult in the eyes of the law  
But still a baby in the eyes of the Lord  
You see the Bible's my sword, and the word is my shield  
Stormz prayed for me, I cried  
It sharpened my steel, but that's my brother for real  
Me and mummy saw the world, man, she couldn't believe it  
And to this day, that's my biggest achievement  
Did twenty-seven countries in under nine months  
So when the most high says my time's up, just tell Him that I tried  
And I ain't never switched sides, I did it for you and I  
Sixteen 'til I die, S