

Your Validation

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You think you're something else, but you can't hide
That there's more to you than meets the eye
Between the local brews and coffee shops and vinyl records
This wagon hopping is quite the endeavor
Long ago, I stood right by
While you swung your arms from side to side
I guess those trips we took to Warped Tour never really happened
You still owe me forty bucks for tickets

Flashback, 2006

A Linkin Park hoodie with some checkered kicks
Posting on your MySpace to all your haters
Blasting Papa Roach from your Motorola Razr

A tough day of middle school has got you feeling down
Yet, you're the coolest kid in town

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You learned about Hot Topic in 2008
Long neon hair, all the sudden, real straight
Playing breakdowns at the high school talent show
Nobody really gets it, it's kind of embarrassing
Before you know it, you start claiming edge
Double X's are pretty hardcore, I guess
You break a girl's teeth, crowd-killing every week
I don't really get how you haven't gotten sued yet

It's 2013 now, and we're back to pop punk for some reason
You're also quite the social justice warrior, even though you called
People "faggot" pretty regularly that previous summer
But good on you, progress is progress, I won't judge

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I'm also pretty sure there was an EDM phase
Somewhere along the way
It was like four straight weeks of just EDM music
(Music music?)
He also starting vaping
Which was kind of weird
Out of character
(You said music twice...)

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