

# Somethin To Hold On To

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There's a lot of shit goin on up in my hood  
I thank god I'm alive oh and I'm a knock on wood  
Yea he go and walk through the valley of death  
I know the lord got my back with every step  
You see nothing here surprises me  
I got a whole lotta soldiers down to ride with me  
But lord please give me something to hold on to,  
Something to hold I need something to hold

As I scratch the last days of the calendar  
Niggas roam the streets with heavy metal like metallica  
Pistols with the silencers  
Killin solidiers softly  
The crime pays a little but the consequence is costly  
My cousin, I love em we go back in the days  
But now he struggle with the monkey and he trapped in a maze  
I still care for him  
To tell the truth I'm kinda scared for him  
Cause when he conscience he in rare form  
But that's the story of his life gettin locked up or shot up  
Or in somebodys kitchen on the block cookin rocks up  
I think he lost hope when he seen them lock his pops up  
Or when he seen his sister baby father get his knot bust  
My grandmother complain and tell him make a change  
But her thinkin is outdated she can't understand the game  
Shyeah, hard time three to nine in a jailhouse  
Is no different from slavin nine to five in a warehouse

Yo in projects shit is mad real for the youth  
Niggas get I'll for the loot  
The more guns ya buss the realer your crew  
Cats carry gats concealed in they suits  
Whether cee-loo craps or macks gorillas may shoot  
When the eyes meet don't steer wrong and don't stare long  
Cause niggasll kill for that when they be full of heron  
It's like a jungle sometimes it makes me wonder  
How crews remain standin once the AKs thunder under the stun roof tops  
Career thugs cook rocks  
Then hit the blocks  
To make a killin plus fame  
Man they lovin this game  
It's mega action the trees stay hot like sonars  
Shorties with fly hair-dos get dipped or play the corner  
Summer time they shine block parties galore  
So many soldiers die they buy a seperate forty to pour  
I knew this kid Larry niggas thought he was poor  
But he had cream for days ran a solid scheme with Ks  
AKs with the banana clips, rubber handle grips  
The same nigga that got Randal hit  
He livin scandalous  
He used to pop no-doz so he wouldn't be caught sleepin  
And he could'nteven walk around the block cause he was beefin  
I say that to say this  
That's ghetto everyday shit  
Where slugs miss chipped bricks leave scars on chicks  
It's kinda trife right now  
But that's the life right now

And way back it was a half assed trife like now

Peace god what's todays math  
To tryin to escape wrath  
With two left feet, it's kinda hard to walk a straight path  
Soldiers layin in gutters from god to greed  
My old dad left momdukes and scarred his seed  
We all family  
But seemingly this cats can't stand me  
Haters gunna hate be it a lexus or a camry  
Understand me  
But do the knowledge first swallow my verse  
Which is my universe  
God obeys no thirst  
Fallen angels in the ghetto tradin in they wings for things  
Semiautomatic machines with red beams  
Street magicians convertin to crack and the cream  
Sat back saw em turn black zack to a fiend  
Hes a teacher  
Had a fly daughter named lakeisha  
If you hustle have a beeper smoke reefer ya can freak her  
I seen her givin head inside the club behind the speaker  
Last year she had three abortions for the preacher  
And one miscarriage for this kid they call Harris  
He told her that her loved her and hes moving her to paris  
She fell for it  
Touched her third rail for it (uh)  
And next year she woulda been sixteen  
Once told me that she wanted to go to god get clean  
So she could be a role model for her brother Eugene  
Hes a beautiful seed  
Eight years and can't read  
At night his ashtma so bad he can't breathe  
He wants to be an astronaut  
And fly to space but his teacher told him that he just ain't go what it take  
So he cried while the other kids played at lunch break  
What will it take to raise out mindstate