

Church Steps

Jim Jones

Standin' on the church steps (Heatmakerz)
Wonderin' what it's gon' be next (Crack Music)

The Lord said to come as you are (Amen)
He protects babies and fools, you safer the dumber you are
Place of worship, so please leave your guns in your car (Don't need 'em)
Rejoice and put your hands up just like you was comin' to spar
No matter Christian or Muslim, nigga, hamdullah (As-salamu alaykum)
Make sure you givin' thanks to the one that brung you this far (Amen)
Y'all don't see what this nigga done done with the stars? (I see it)
Shit, he put some in the sky, boy, I put some in my cars, haha (Talk nasty)
How you think I been overcomin' these odds? (Stupid)
My enemies ain't been runnin' from me, stupid, they been runnin' from God, s
o (Back up)
As I spit my psalms over these chronicles (Ooh)
I done dove off the yacht to the bottom, I saw the barnacles, yeah
That's right, I even dealt with the bottom feeders (Backstabbers)
I been broke at night, and, mama, she didn't know how to feed us (But we eat
in' now)
I ain't gon' get that new presi' 'cause they don't know how to lead us (I'ma
get the Aude')
Right now, I'm circlin' this island that was owned by Carlos Lehders (Cigare
tte boat)
It's not about the destination, it's about the journey (Watch over me)
Shit, we at war, I seen niggas that was goin' out on a gurney (Pray for us)
I'll be late to court, but I ain't goin' in without my attorney (Bowman)
I done partied 'til we was dead like Weekend at the Bernie's (We just livin'
)
Uh, not to mention my affiliations
You be in or you be out, the homies bangin' that Billy Nation (Back to back)
Jokin', sak pase, I'm still a Haitian (N'ap boule)
All down Miami, don't worry, I got them killers waitin' (Huh, B Money, what'
s up?)
Not to dwell on my past (Uh-uh)
How many times I got up just because I fell on my ass (Got back up on 'em)
My soul ain't for sale, I refuse to sell it for cash (Nah, it's priceless)
I'm at the back room at the bank, I don't even see the teller for cash, shit
(Where the manager at?)
But the hustle done changed
Streaming farms, it's no more Phat Farms, nigga, the Russell done changed (S
ee, he left)
It's a long way from the work wet to the church steps
I remember in '93, the first set was the worst set, uh (Eastside)
Can't forget all the soldiers that we lost (Light, I miss you)
Tell Nip the marathon continues, I'm still holdin' a torch (I see you, cuz)
Say a prayer for Gardner West, he's goin' to court, uh (I'm with you, blood)
Won't be happy 'til Melly is way back home in a Porsche, uh (Gon' do it big)
Gatekeepers tried to ruin me (Fuck 'em)
Politicians won't be happy, they don't wanna see growth in the community (I'
m a rebel, though)
Huh, they'd rather see separation before the unity (Oh, we got that)
They'd rather give the power to police for impunity (Tryna kill us out here)
Here we go again (Damn), uh
I swear it make you shed a tear, ayy (I'm cryin' now)
Danced around a few charges like Fred Astaire, I
I did it my way on the highway, nigga, I was never scared (For really, thoug
h)

Never got a Grammy and I'm good with that (I'm good with that)
But still park that Lambo where the hood is at, yeah (No fear)
You let money rule you, you let money fool you (Huh)
This ain't church, lil' nigga, but let me Sunday school you (Pray for me)

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'Cause I done seen it all in the streets
But, Lord, I hear you callin' me (Oh well, oh well)
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'Cause I done did all I can do (Yeah)
Lord, now I'm waitin' on you (Oh well, oh well)

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'Cause I done did it all in the streets
Lord, I hear you callin' me, oh well, oh well, oh
I hear you callin' me, yeah, oh, Lord, oh, Lord, yeah
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I'm Dr. Ben, I been ridin' with Jim Jones a long time
And I told him some time ago, "Hey, man, I'm ridin' with you 'til the wheels
fall off"
We're workin' together, we're strugglin' together
We're makin' a difference together
Our people need hope, our people need inspiration
Our people need to let go of all the negativities and embrace the positiviti
es of life
I said twenty years ago, we have to choose life, not choose death
We have to choose hope, not disappointment or disillusionment
Or alienation, it's time to come together