

# Never Sleep

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E'day you walk past, you pro'ly notice me  
I'm right there in the garbage gettin' my groceries  
An' e'day I ask the lord: " 'dis is how is 'posed to be?"  
Wintertime it's freezin' out here and my coat is weak  
Summertime it's even worse, I damn near overheat  
Ain't no AC strong enough to cool a [?]  
I get jealous when the neighbors say that home is sweet  
I can't go in: I'm always outside like Bruce Bowen's feet  
Man, I remember when I had enough dough to treat  
E'ry Mother's Day we packed in my Range Rover jeep  
Me, my girl, my moms, and grandmoms used to go and eat  
Red Lobster: 45 minutes before you on a seat  
So here's a jewel for potheads: if you smokin' cheeba  
Watch ya man's fill the Dutch up and control the leaf  
I ain't know my man smoked [?], he was so discrete  
Now e'day I'm sellin' e'thing and can't go to sleep

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Man, I wonder what's in 'nere 'dat got me chasin' 'nat  
No appetite, 'cause when I eat I only taste the crack  
The smoke got my teeth yellow like my Laker's hat  
Made my smile ugly, dog, I used to major mac  
My son buggin' out, he treat me like a steppops  
He still holdin' that grudge, 'cause I sold his Xbox

That boy crazy, think I let that go for 2 jacks  
Man, I got a bundle for dat: I ain't no new jack  
My fam' ashamed of me: they ship to them programs  
I clean it up while I'm in 'nere, but I come home an'...  
Y'all know the rest, a carpet ride in the sky  
It's funny: I swear I hate it, but I like to get high  
I grab that pipe an' I fly  
When I come down, I'm so mad (no!)  
So I hustle up ya bread to get one more bag  
The other fiends, they just jealous, man, I watch 'em hate  
Ya see they need the whole 10, I get my rocks for 8

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I'm tired, it's like I'm standin' up half asleep  
I don't even need a whole night, a lil' nap is sweet  
This habit got me runnin' round like I'm an ath-a-lete  
Underarms bangin', homie, I ain't take a bath in weeks  
An' that's funny, 'cause, how I'm smellin' so foul  
But go in grocery stores and clean out they whole soap aisle  
I wanna quit and I would, but I don't know how  
No I don't on second thought I think I wanna smoke now  
Life sucks, 5 bucks was a beef and brat  
No it's just 3 bucks away from a decent rock  
I'm tired of e'body tellin' me I need to stop  
You like the shit and try to quit, tell me that it's easy, pop  
Trust me: you won't say nothin', you be fiendin', ock  
Mouth on freeze like it's studyin' to be a cop  
E'day I wake up like "That's it, Imma beat the rock"  
But e'thing change when I turn that corner and see the block

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