

## Screens

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Damn screens

Kids don't come upstairs with grass stains on they jeans  
No playing tag at night, no more sundown freeze  
No more falling off they bike peroxide on knees

Geez I ain't seen a double Dutch in years  
What happened to skelly, no more tops hitting squares?  
I used to front flip off the fence, backflip off the swing  
Somebody dared, you had to do it to be playground king!

Walked across the monkey bars, rubber mat so far  
Something crazy drove by I screamed that's my car!  
Threw rocks up on the roofs they couldn't match my arm  
And manhunt lasted long, we couldn't catch Taiquan shit...

Red quarter water water ask ya man to have a sip  
Pack of now and laters and a quarter bag of chips  
Never would I ever thought a game of catch and kiss  
Would be something that these kids would have to miss... imagine this...

Phone screen, tablet screen, computer screen  
80 inch TV screen, I never seen  
So many ways to look away from the world  
These screens raising ya sons, baby sittin' ya girl  
So many screens...  
Everyone say hi. You're on a screen...

I used to wanna go out in the rain  
Moms would say no so I complained near the window pane  
She's always gave in to that look on my face  
Those days I get chased cops and robbers in the staircase

Where they at, in the front or the back?  
It was quiet and then... Pap... 'Til you run out of caps  
Every basketball court in the summer was packed  
Every winter was tackle football don't fumble the snap

Now every time I look another app man what's up wit that?  
It's like every single day involves a double tap  
Used to beg moms can my boys have some fun wit me?  
Off the top rope was the dresser, WWE

Now my son wear headsets running through the trees  
Playing Call of Duty, guess that's what they calling company  
Was known everywhere, couldn't front on my team  
These kids don't go anywhere man they front of them screens

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