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When I was young I was ashamed of myself I hated myself I had thoughts of hangin myself I was fucked up, I was barely bathin myself Fuck blamin myself Got on my grind I had to aim for success When I came off the step I can't lie I wasn't anxious for sex Was more concerned about gainin respect Was more concerned about earnin a check Just know I learned from the best I learned all the steps on how to get back I was doin shit a man should We survived off of tuna and them canned goods Just know that spigot water cool with some ice in it We fear nothin but God and a life sentence, this is life nigga I told God I don't like sinnin But my stomach growlin And when I'm hungry I resolve to violence I know I got potential I know I got the talent "Money don't mean shit if you ain't got the knowledge."

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When I was younger I was pissed poor I use to ask what I was livin for My brother trapped behind them prison doors the other one was in the morque And all I can do is let liquor poor so I was gettin torn And all my role models was drug dealers Through escape my reality I use to skip school and puff dippers And my brother played the role of my pop But coudnt raise me up right cause he was smokin them rocks I use to hold my punches back when I wanted to steal him He use to fuck me up so bad I wanted to kill him But that anger turned me into a man So I dropped outta school said fuck rap I'm on the block with my goons I rep the hood that's cause that's where I be Where every broke nigga dream is unwrappin a key I'm just passin this tree thinkin how my future gon actually be My brother killed my brother wonder what's gon happen to me DAMN!

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I sit and think what if Embalming Fluid never got made Then my Mom cigarettes would've never got laced Then the child support money that she spent on drugs Would've went to buyin me clothes and buyin me J's All the niggas who sold it to her was around my age If the shit ain't exist they wouldve never got paid And all them flashy niggas would've been broke like me And they can know how it feels not to never get laid I'm steady contradicting Was thinkin should I get a pack or make a honest livin Fuck it I'm a take this pack you know Time is tickin And I'm that nigga who grew up with out a pot to piss in Wish ya'll would stop and listen
Man I do this for the times I had to eat in the dark

Man I do this for the times I had to eat in the dark And I do this for the times I had to sleep in the car And I do this for the time I had 3 pair of draws Uh, Without them food stamps we would've starved You heard me!