

# Shadow's Shield

Navy Blue

My beloved son Sage  
I want to commend you on your choice to face your inner demons and follow the path of your higher self  
Hope and inspiration are the gifts you bring  
I see you working steadfastly to meet your challenges bravely and to keep evolving spiritually  
You are a shining light in our family, your circle of friends, and to everyone your life and art touches  
"Navy Blue" Sage Gabriel Carlos Atreyu  
I am so proud of you  
And remember honey  
Even in the midst of all that is unjust, terrifying and evil, love still reigns supreme and conquers hate  
So do not dwell in anger  
Enjoy life on this spaceship Earth and do great work  
I love you

Ain't nothing left to say when it's time  
Thinking to myself, "We'll be alright"  
Can't complain, not the same as I was  
What a view, all the stars sittin' right above me  
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Welcome to what I call praise  
Give thanks  
Mama birthed me and they named the boy Sage  
My pain still present  
I can't make it go away  
My face known in the heavens  
I got many of 'em, one a life  
What a life we live  
We fall from great heights  
Just to learn we got more to learn  
More to heal, I can't hide behind this smile  
Like I hide behind the shield  
Shadow stretching on the pavement  
I don't know what's real anymore  
Flashbacks by the tree at my core, corpses  
With my Ori, I'm exploring  
Ain't mean to spoil the story  
This a warrior's tale  
Told by my ancestors, "Make way up the hill"  
And when I reach the top, sis  
The moment was still  
What's the verdict?  
Your synopsis is brutally real, like it or not  
Best to own up, you a grown-up now  
Memories on memories, I can hold those proud  
'Cause the other shit is cutting deep  
A lot I gotta figure out  
Another brother in the ground  
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Another day the sun'll show  
Another brother in the ground...

I'm just tryna make my Mama and my family proud  
That's on everything...  
I'm just tryna make 'em proud  
I know they proud of me  
I'm tryna make 'em proud  
Tryna make 'em proud

Bless Sagey, um, it's Dad, um, checking in  
Hope everything's well with you  
I just wanted to say how much I love you  
And how grateful I am for you  
And how grateful I am to have each other  
Blessings and protection  
Asé