

## Nate

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Yeah, sometimes I wanna disappear like I just don't exist  
Or find a time machine and take me back when I was six  
Maybe younger, either way, I guess the point of it  
Would be to tell that little kid that he's gon' take a lotta hits  
Yeah, I'd probably grab your hand and tell you life is hard  
If you got questions or you need advice, then talk to God  
'Cause He's the only one that listens even when you think He isn't  
Even good people are great at makin' bad decisions, yeah (Oh)  
They ain't gon' take it serious  
You find out pretty quick that life is more than just appearances  
I know some things we could avoid to save embarrassment  
But everything that breaks you down can also build your character  
'Cause people love to see you fail, just be aware of it  
Don't let nobody tell you who to be or write your narrative  
Look, we're all products of the things that we experience  
But there's a big difference between confidence and arrogance  
You hearin' this?  
I know that you don't get it now, but you gon' get it later  
I know you feel like you're alone and no one loves you maybe  
And you gon' cover insecurities with lotsa anger  
The weird thing is someday all of this will make you famous (Oh)  
You start to write about your life and while they're all relatin'  
You'll make up a slogan, call it "Real," but feel like you're the fakest  
Wish I could tell you that your future's nothin' but amazin'  
That's just not the case, and I guess I just don't know how to say this

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But if you can, I just want you to know  
You gon' make a lotta mistakes  
And they gon' laugh in our faces  
That's part of life, that's just the way that it goes  
(That's just the way that it goes)  
And I don't know if you can hear me or not  
But if you can, I just need you to get it  
I know you been questionin' life  
Trust me, I know what it's like  
I'm here for you if you need someone to listen  
Do you need someone to listen?

See, Mom and Dad are not together, they took different routes  
But you probably already knew, you gettin' older now  
Remember back when Mom picked us up from Grandma's house?  
And she hid her boyfriend in the trunk and drove a couple miles?  
Down the street, and then she pulled over to let him out  
'Cause she ain't want Dad to know she had these type of dudes around  
'Cause last time he found out, he had to take us from her  
You look uncomfortable, I'm sorry, let me change the subject (Hey)  
You know how we've always struggled with abandonment? (Yeah)  
And when we feel like someone's leaving, we start panickin'? (Oh) (Yeah)  
And yo, I wish I could say I've learned to manage it  
You think it's bad now, but you don't know the half of it  
Passion is somethin' we have never lacked  
We see it the most when we're writin' raps  
They think it's funny now, let 'em laugh  
I know you think it's just an outlet when you're really mad  
But you don't know the platform you're about to have (Oh)  
I know some things about the future you ain't ready for

I know some things that you gon' cover up, but can't ignore  
And what hurts is they gon' surface at the worst moments  
And we gon' act like it don't hurt us, but it hurts, don't it?  
We walk around with the devil talkin' on both shoulders  
Wish I could tell you that he disappears when we get older  
But that's just not the case, and I know you feel out of place  
And everything is not okay, and life can be a lot to take, but...

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You know how intoxicated people make us nervous?  
To the point sometimes we shake and it feels so disturbin'  
Don't be scared, that's just trauma tryna reach the surface  
And tell us everyone we love is gonna try to hurt us  
Which isn't true, but it's a lie that both of us believe in  
Yeah, you might get a glimpse of happiness from your achievements  
But what you'll learn as you get older, every time you reach one  
Is you'll just make another goal that doesn't lead to freedom  
See, some things about to happen that you can't imagine  
At 24, you'll drop an album, and you'll call it Mansion  
At 25, you'll put out Therapy and gain some traction  
Skip to track number four, now that's a really sad one  
Yeah, Perception's coming next, we 'bout to reach the masses  
It sounds awesome; at the same time, it doesn't matter  
At 27, we'll make millions, but it's really sad 'cause  
You learn to realize that none of this will make you happy

I wish that I could look at you with empathy  
Sometimes I feel like I've become what you were scared to be  
Which makes it really hard to look at you with sympathy  
'Cause if I'm feeling bad for you, then I have to feel bad for me  
And that's just something I feel like we don't deserve  
That's why I'm always looking down on you, I know it hurts  
I'm sure you have a lot of questions  
I've been tryna search to find us both some answers  
I'll be here for you if things get worse