

# Reprieve

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I was raised in a bubble  
Face to the bubble  
Face to the window, safe from the trouble  
Crack-rock apocalypse, chased through the rubble  
My auntie's a zombie, same as my uncle  
Projects, we stay for a couple  
Stayed in my inner space like Hubble  
I came back to Earth but some days I struggle  
These Western languages arranged like puzzles  
I'm living off the late night hustle  
Living off pain  
Living off saying "I love you"  
And there's no daylight in the jungle  
Cause the police will beat the daylights from you  
My insides rumble  
I seek protection from the winds, I'm bundled  
My ego's an inch high, humbled  
Trying to resist, I got ten white knuckles  
So I'm going back within in my bubble

I counted my accomplishments  
When I was finished my whole shell dissolved  
I fluctuate in confidence  
It cost me so much to pretend I'm strong  
I don't want to but I'm gone  
I don't want to but I'm gone  
I don't want to but I'm gone  
I didn't want to but I'm gone

American anxiety dang, I be trying to hang  
Start out shouting, now I'm quietly sang  
If you can't be the president, but won't die in a gang  
It's your stereotype but it's alive in my brain  
So the effect is really kind of the same  
Chains like I'm a slave  
It's psychological so I can behave  
In future days I be wondering why I was afraid  
Why I was anxious while I could of raged  
The hard bangs with the minds of the way  
That makes waves when I push them away  
It makes phrases that I wouldn't say  
I can't hang but I'm trying to say  
I got to run up in this cave for a couple of days  
So I can not feel strange for a couple of days  
I'm buckled up on a plane  
I'm stuck wondering what it's gonna say  
It's clinical  
I'm fitted with this cynical gaze  
I will emerge in a different way

I counted my accomplishments  
When I was finished my whole shell dissolved  
I fluctuate in confidence  
It cost me so much to pretend I'm strong  
I've crawled back in my shell again  
I spent six months with my armor off  
It only let some noises in

All the pictures and the lights is off  
I don't want to but I'm gone  
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I don't want to but I'm gone