

# Still Standing

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Please do not run too fast, stay off of the leaves  
Do not play in the grass or climb the trees  
You can't breathe, let alone you get stung by bees  
Lord Jesus, you're chest just might freeze up  
13 months old with a lung disease  
That almost took my life twice, brought me to my knees  
A system not designed for you to achieve  
Release, squeeze, love every lies, a teacher disease  
But I roll to the top of my class like Cream  
I'm like the Lakers in the 80's, so worthy I'm Kareem  
Not MTV but my Sweet 16s  
Married the mic, a love supreme  
I'm clear it was a miracle, the way I wetted the rhythm  
Spiritual looking back at it - a lyrical exorcism  
A half of the Afro-American dream  
The rap, or quarterback for a professional team  
I'm still standing...  
Yeah, I'm still here! I'm still standing!

[Chorus: x2]  
Still standing  
I'm still here  
Standing, yeah, still standing  
Still standing

I have no dead bodies to claim, never been a trigger  
man  
Crack never pedalled that, opposite of Jigga Man  
Doubled my expectancy, can you believe it?  
Look, no bullet wounds, not paraplegic  
Still standing like the Pledge of Allegiance  
Moves made, both promotional and strategic  
My heart disintegrated in a million pieces  
Listen, that's life, deal with it  
Press reset, download pain, write a thesis  
Perform for millions, Brazilian visas  
(I got) transcontinental indigenous divas  
That speak multiple languages for unspeakable reasons  
And still, there are places that I've never been  
Like the Statue of Liberty, my knees will never bend  
Except for when I'm speaking to God  
It feels like half-time, I'm a reach for the stars  
I'm still standing

[Chorus x2]

[Jill Scott:]  
Now I have seen some conflict in my life  
And some burdens almost broke me down once or twice  
But I learned to hold on to my faith  
And I would never change a thing that brought me here  
today  
'Cause it helped me grow, and it helped me know  
Which way to go, and which way to not go  
And I'm so grateful, I'm so grateful  
I'm still... I'm still...

[Chorus x2]