

## Press Rewind

Rittz

I was just a kid from a small town west of Pennsylvania  
'88 moved down to GA, overwhelmed by the change  
I got treated like stranger 'cause I didn't fit in  
Had a mullet, getting made fun of by the other kids  
My brother wasn't in the same school to protect me  
6th grade, every day they would jump me in the gym  
Finally got a couple friends  
I was in and out of phases, into heavy metal for a stint  
Then I started singing Boyz II Men  
Playing Poison Clan  
Really I just wanna be like them  
So I went and brought a gun  
In the school to be cool  
Wasn't real but it looked like one  
It was chrome but this kid Trovon  
Took it from me, making dudes take they shoes off  
When he got caught better say it ain't mine  
He said he wouldn't tell  
I was in the office when they rung the bell  
I had to go to panel and probably get expelled  
I knew I had to answer to my father I was scared  
He was known for raising hell  
Hit me with an open hand or he whipped me with a belt but today was somethin  
g else  
Quiet on the ride home when we got into the house  
I got swung into the shelf  
Getting swung on, I was 12 tryna  
Hide my face  
Ditching uppercuts from my dad's punches making  
My nose bleed  
With my sister and her neighbor friend watching, momma  
Cry, but she  
Knew it was one of many ass whoopings coming  
I received  
Can't hit the back button

As the pain rain down  
The best thing trapped inside  
Let the pain drain out  
And left the past behind  
But sometimes my mind...  
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'95 was the best year of my life that's without a question  
My brother was a senior and I was just a freshman  
He would let me hang out with his friends and  
Life felt normal for once  
But the happiness I had only lasted a second  
Mom and Dad separated same year, so my brother moved away when we finally ha  
d our friendship  
Made a lot of friends with kids in the same boat  
No male role models for us to observe and be our guide  
Dropped out of school, hit a learning curve, relied  
On each other trying to persevere in life  
Insecurities are high  
Feeling unloved, searching for a girl that can provide  
She wanna take it further, I'm worried that I'm gonna blow my cover 'cause I

said I'm not a virgin and I lied  
I finally fertilized  
Then she left me for another guy  
But years flying by, life is like a circus ride  
We done did the worst, too much dirt to purify  
Mom was working nights  
Helicopters circling outside  
Lot of murders, lot of fights  
Lot of nights heard the cries from my mom's room  
Household with no one in control  
Everything crumbled, I was young but now I'm grown  
Suddenly my brother and my father coming home  
And it's  
So unreal  
When we're all together you can feel the tension and it's  
Unfair  
Started fighting at my brother's college graduation but it  
Goes unsaid  
When you love each other ain't no conversation, hated  
All those years  
Wishing I could erase them

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