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More than just a moment, seeming like forever Everything you holding, slowly getting better Patience is a virtue, virtues nonexistent Pacing in these circles, feeling apprehensive 'Bout to lose your mind, 'bout to lose your mind The world is full of selfish ones that's out to do for thine Helping hands, don't even waste your time You dependent on these suckas, should've been a bloody grind Push it to the limit, bet you'll make it in a year or two Looking in the mirror, nothing's changed in a year or two Hopes up, brought down No luck, none found And I heard 'em say, that's nothing's ever promised tomorrow or today So if I sound ungrateful, pardon me I'm only speaking from the heart, my honesty Let 'em know

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Woke up, what the fuck yo? I was supposed to feel better, what the fuck though I had a dream I was living what I dreamed for But I'm guessing that nothing is what it ever seems so Another day, another 7: 25 shift I'm just praying that I can shut up and survive it Man, the rents next week and my lights out Somebody please tell me this isn't what life's 'bout (...) let's play hide and seek Her daughter's joy abundant as she covers up her cheeks Practicing innovation for the sake of release Just wants to be a stable mother, trouble doesn't cease Daddy's incarcerated, hasn't stayed in touch in weeks It's all good a couple years ago Fast forward, mother can barely pay for cereal Honest mistakes embrace what's really going on And remember that it's always the darkest before the dawn, like

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Struggle until you die slow
All in (...?) shame, like why'd I even try for?

Dreams shattered, walk through the valley with a blindfold Got it by something that isn't tangible as (...?)
Seeds thinking his very daughter's but a cancer
Testing my shoulders, tightin' buckles, pulling my pants up
What? Huh, guessing it's time to stand up
Falling for anything if I does it, cousin

I thought I would roll up, getting my dough up
And to my surprise, I saw none of it show up
They told me to hol' up, remember to know what—
-ever you reap is whatever you sow
You better let it go (Let it go, let it go)
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I said you better let it go (Let it go, let it go)
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Don't be afraid to fail. Failure doesn't keep us away from what we desire in this world. Fear does. Fear is the absence of love. The absence of trust. The absence of belief. It is fear that destroys us. To embrace failure is to embrace growth. It is fear-not failure-that holds us back