

Beautiful

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"I was diagnosed with leukemia, May 2006, right before my 15th birthday
It made me stronger, and made me who I am today"
"In May of 2010, at age 22, I was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma"
"At 42, I was diagnosed with breast cancer in March of 2010"
"I am a musician, this is the first time I've been in a studio without my horn
Last year I was diagnosed with colon cancer, but, it's in remission
Next year, my 75th birthday, I want to be here with my horn"

No matter what the obstacle is, we fight through it
If surviving's only half the battle, we won't lose it
So have faith that better days are on the way
I lend my hand to you, whenever you need me I'll stay
I understand sometimes the world is type cloudy
But like a plane with so much to gain, we fly out it
Determination, dedication till the end
I'm there every step of the way until we win
cause I believe in prayer in God Almighty
Get them burdens off your shoulders, send them to the highest
Yeah, we can beat it, overcome the lows
Being positive is key, you believe and it shows
I spread awareness, be mindful of your health
Be here for one another so you never by yourself
One step at a time, one time for the cause
I rep it for the world, I rap it for us all

Don't run away from who you are
Life's beautiful, beautiful, beautiful (life is beautiful)
Pick yourself back on up
Life's beautiful, beautiful, beautiful (life is beautiful)

This the highway of life, we stay 'driven'
Then at some point, you arrive at a decision
We flying high, we weather any condition
We doing more than surviving because we living
The music feel good, yes sir it'll satisfy you
like a meal would, real good when it's going down
It's the flavor that you savor when you wait
It tastes great, compliments to the chef, he got taste
Clean your plate, play the music in front of a glass of water
Take a stale picture, see the crystals forming
The horns make me feel victorious, the keys make me feel glorious
The drums make me feel like a warrior
The track feel 'BIG', Notorious
Do it for the people feeling trapped in the corridor
Nobody know what you're going through in a day
But don't let yesterday ruin today, and they say

Uh, yo, they say it's all for the money, but I don't wan' believe it
I'm a man of my word, so whatever you been hearing is the truth
Flatline, polygraph, that's me
We could all use a 'break', spare of Apache
Catch me crossing items off my bucket list
cause life is good as you want it to get
I paint a different portrait with any color I find
The canvas is the world, and the brush is my mind

I don't mind stepping out my comfort zone
I think the greatest fear is the one of the unknown
But if you afraid of living and you afraid of death
Then I'm afraid you'll never take a step to the left
or the right direction, tonight's confession
I used to be scared of my own reflection
and what would really happen if I fought that vision
But the matter all along, if it's not good, it's gone

Life is beautiful
Don't run away from who you are, no

"The journey to recovery has been long and full of challenges and uncertainties
But today I'm healthy and stronger than ever
Life is beautiful"