I had a fucked up childhood 7 years old my pops raped my sister she was 11 years old Till this day I can't understand how a nigga can stick his dick in his daughter and still feel like he a fucking man ma how you stay with this nigga knowing, he a child molester leave us with this nigga we at home everyday, you fighting with this nigga we in court you holding hands, fighting with this nigga telling the jury he was coked up, heroin in his system and I spent everyday, from there on, in the system in a group home, with mexicans and whiteboys to much anger inside, never played and I ain't like toys so I was treated different by my foster parents and every kid in elementary thought I lost my parents cuz me and my foster brothers ain't look shit a like Calvo was mexican and Nathan was white

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I was in a boys home, stressed man I was in some nikes and guess pants, the brown pentyloafers and dress pants fucked up ain't it, I was robbin kids I used to wish I had a family like the kosby's did told my friends in school my moms had money like ophra winfrey she left to find a new job and she was coming back to get me that was 5 years ago, now I'm 12 years old my moms left my dad the judge said, I can come back home I grew up in this crip neighborhood, called "Santana" they ain't like my brothers cuz of the bulls jerseys and red bandanas one day after school, they jumped me for my chain and stabbed me twice in th thats when I started banging in the hood, hanging like red laces in my high tops tryna be like my brothers my moms kicked me out the house cuz she needed a break her and my little sister moved upstate

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Before Jimmy Iovine, The Killers in IV
These bitch niggas try to take my life for 5 G's
I was in the projects, 2 Oclock in the morning,
Playing Madden
Niggas kicked in the door and started blasting
I seen the light so I no Jesus Christ
Cuz I took one in the heart
and I ain't lose my life

Came home and studied the chronic Inside out Ate Doggystyle for breakfast and lunch was "Reasonable Doubt" I started writing my lyrics on napkins Listening to mas, I wrote my first 16, to Illmatic Waited 9 months then shit got Gangsta I signed to aftermath the same time they dropped Wanksta He asked to 50, he gon sell Will he do a Mill plus or will he end up in Jail Get real close to the speakers I got a story to tell He went from the Front porch to the cover of Double XL

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