

Before We Panic

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Don't be scared to soar we gon' be alright
I swear we forget just who we are
When we come together said we all shine
Just so you remember who you are
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Aye that tattoo on your skin
Came so far from who you are you forgot what it meant
Every step retracing replacing each breath
Inhale the love, exhaling the fears
Oh yeah, oh yes
But your heart keep racing, I guess
It mean you care, it mean you feel
It mean you real, it mean you rare
That's why... that's why you here, ain't it?
That's why it's red painted on the canvas
"Go get yours" is all you hear, ain't it?
At 16, I learned the art of the code switch
Could hang with the POTUS then po' this drank up
With the homies in a moment that's survival in mind
Sometimes you gain attention, start to lose focus
The celebrity chemistry pieces keep going
I told myself never do that, I keep rolling
They taught us profit over people
So when the operator dies, best believe the machine a keep rolling
Them bright lights man, they do a good, job don't they?
Ain't we all God's children? But the devil working overtime
Isms sow division
Leaders lacking the vision, potential trapped in the prison
Blood dripping off the fingers of most the statues erected
Freedom hella expensive
The only thing I'm sure of in this life is my intentions
But I'm living
These M's, I gotta get it
Mind moving a million miles a minute, damn!

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I'm going over the edge
They tell me they wanted a hit, I did this instead
Look at this man, don't let the truth go over ya head
The system is rigged, you win or you lose, so fuck what they said
She selling pussy on the web, "baby, get to the bread"
The thirst trap or the male gaze? The chicken or egg
Hell gon' freeze on the day that tricking is dead
We be clicking so algorithms give all that it has
Echo chambers so we keep being fed the same news
Reinforcing the same views
Wonder why we in different worlds
Even when we in the same room
Pray to Jesus
'Til the day it's way too late
Stand tall like I'm 8'2

Ain't Uncle Luke but we way too live
Wonder why I don't rate you guys
I'm from the city where immigrants turn homeowners for real
Make it work with all we know we holding still
Pray for Haiti, pray for Cuba find they way outta this
Pray for parents who be tryna pray the gay up out they kids
And I feel for them kids who wanna stay up at the crib
Won't ya let them babies live?
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Honest dawg, I been jaded half my life
Martyrdom or sacrifice
Fuck it dawg, I pay the price
It's a war outside
You prepared to make it right
Living in the world where ya phenotype can change your life
Coulda been a left, right
Black, white
Asian man, Asian Doll
ODB, Young Boy
Short, tall, rich, poor
Trayvon, Big Floyd
Memories a live on
Tryna keep from going numb
But the list goes on
These M's, I gotta get it
It's the mental of the modern man
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