

Acceptance Speech

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Oh my goodness, I'm so nervous
Do I deserve this?
Full disclosure
I can be so insecure
Wrapped up in all of this
Just a recovering validation-aholic
Yeah sometimes I'm defined by the volume of a crowd's applause
I put my worth in their claps
Are they loud or soft?
Hooked up to that approval like an IV
Act like I don't
But I do care what people think
Speaking of, are these lyrics tight?
Hey, at least I'm not in denial, right?

This goes out to myself
And every single tear that I've felt
Telling me that no one could tell me who to be
Except for me
All my flaws
I gotta recognize all my wrongs
I'm so humbled and grateful to be
Accepting me

To all the people I've wasted time comparing myself to
If I hated, it's 'cause I was jealous of you
Just a reflection of my fear, rejection that I hear
From my toughest critic, the mirror
Big shout to all the teams that I been cut from
For showing me what I can get back up from
To the Grammys, Imma keep on dreaming about you
But I'll be the same person
With or without you

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To all the kids with guitars, looking up at the stars
The answer is not a platinum record
The old me couldn't make it tonight
So accepting on my behalf is somebody better

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