

100,000 hands have you ever seen  
Crowds packin' out the stands what a silly dream  
They used to doubt the kid, 'Billy Jean'  
Because I wasn't big on this little scene  
I went to where they couldn't see  
1985 I arrived like Ivan Drago  
Tried to follow my life was Rocky fightin' Apollo  
Went the distance, took a loss and split decision  
Quick collisions with friends who ain't get the vision  
I've been given this mission so I go on it like even  
Wanted like Morgan Freeman  
Mouth water like I've been teethin'  
Treasure this more than breathin'  
You gave me all of these reasons  
To keep unlockin' achievements now we even

We go high they go low  
When we try they say, "no"  
We don't stop, we just go  
'Til the top, here we go  
They pretend, we ascend  
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We excel, let's begin  
We rebel, don't fit in  
We might fail, 'til we win  
We prevail in the end  
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Don't pretend like you was the homie  
When knowin' you never know me  
Don't phone me if that shit phony  
Only when my shit goin' they hit me like they been on me  
Fade they music softly  
Wade make them get off me  
Then sage the place shortly  
I came in the game and remain with same homies  
Since that boy from Kansas the names ain't change on me  
New state of mind only change made fo' me  
Walk that path made fo' me  
Please pray fo' me  
I got friends, I don't know where they went  
Soul blow in the wind  
In the end, I just hope they ascend  
Weight lifted like I go to the gym  
They say, "You gifted. Stop holdin' it in."  
Well I'ma show 'em again

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