

Now I Know

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Yeah, uh, look
The older I get, the more I realize
Almost everything that I believed
In my life was a lie
It started as a child, first was Santa Claus
Then I believed that a brawl would never come between my dawgs (wrong)
My sister Mary filled me in when I was 7
Told me Hulk Hogan only existed on television (what?)
The Stone Cold Stunner and the Leg Drop?
All scripted, N.W.O and X-Pac? Dang
I used to walk up to them automatic doors
My momma told me that my finger was the power source
So I pointed with my pointer, then pow
It was open, then come to find out she was joking
Had to let it soak in, my mind as a boy
Didn't wanna believe that McGwire or Barry were on the 'roids
But uh, when I was young, I thought the world was alright
It's funny, I even thought that Jesus was white, but yo

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It took a lot of time, now I realise
Now I know better
It's better late than never
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Over the years you get more accustomed to pain
Used to believe my dad when he said he'd come to my games
Even believed my mother was a saint and could do no wrong
And then she sat me down and told me how I was born (shoot)
Mind-blown, but now it all makes sense
Why she didn't spazz on me when she caught me having sex, uh
I was perplexed but now I get it
I used to think America was finished with racism
How could I miss it?
I'm mad so many people don't get it
Holding this list of black names but now I'm blacklisted?
Got older, it's like it got no different
I found out these independent artists isn't independent
Cause major labels fund them quietly to keep perception
That's deception in the game
Used to believe I wanted fame
Plus my name written in them lights
Now I know it's so much greater cause it's written in the hand of Christ
And I used to say the radio would play what the people wanted
Now I know they playing what's payin'
Feeling jaded, but somehow I still believe in God
I even thought a college education got me a job, man

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