

# All You Need

Brother Ali

So I never told the world that the first time I toured  
I came home to find that little man had been ignored  
Two years old got a hold of water you had boiled  
And burned his little head and his face while you  
snored

You were afraid of bringing him to the hospital  
'Cause two weeks ago your mom called the cops on you  
Child protection paid a visit  
Ruled that the crib was unfit to raise kids in

I'm working ten hour days at the gig then  
You were unemployed all null and void  
Now I ain't trying to be no Sigmund Freud  
But ain't you supposed to have instincts when it comes  
to the boy

I called a cab a brought him to county hospital  
They shaved the hair and burnt flesh off his skull  
Held him overnight to fight infection  
I slept sitting up in a chair directly next to him

I just knew you would join us but instead  
Hopped your ass on the bus went home and went to bed  
That's the very moment I divorced you in my head  
God might forgive you for that I never did

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Faheem we can see the throne from here  
I may never sit there but brother you're the heir  
Pull up a chair let pop bend your ear  
Here baby dry those tears

I know you wonder why your mother does the things that  
she do  
Well it's not because she doesn't love you  
It's because she grew up in something they call foster  
care  
That's when strangers raise you your mom's not there

Imagine how she felt when she was your age  
Going from place to place never feeling safe  
Never having love never having faith  
She probably thought the world was a big scary place

Where was her mommy at well that's kind of sad  
She used drugs to forget the problems she had  
There was a new one back then they called crack  
Once you try it there was almost no coming back

She couldn't be the mommy she wanted to be  
She was chasing a high all in the street  
Won't tell you no lie real is all I can be  
I believe only truth can set you free

There's a whole lot of pain in your bloodline

But there's a whole lot of strength in the sunshine  
Lean back let the new day greet you  
'Cause you're standing on the shoulders of a people

Who been beat down and treated unequal  
But the prayer that they made now has reached you  
It's plain to see it's true  
Beautiful prince I wish they could see you

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