

# One To 31

J-Live

What up man? We're back  
Ah what up? Fancy meeting you here  
Yeah what up man, how you been?  
Been good, yo sit down man  
Time to start  
Oh yeah?

Peace, peace, peace  
My name is Justice Allah  
I way to New York my way of my old earth  
(That means mother)  
My father came here from Haiti about 40 years ago  
My father did not teach me his language  
I barely knew him as my father  
He is like the devil in that he gave me nothing  
Why's he like the devil?  
Because he avoided me since I was a little boy  
Why do you not seek him out now that you're a grown man?  
Because my mother gave me food for thought and belly  
Does this have anything to do with the above question?  
I didn't need him to acquire the knowledge of myself  
What is the knowledge of your self?  
I own self is a righteous god  
Are there any gods other than righteous?  
I beg your pardon, I never heard of one

After all that degree ain't hard  
Cause if you ain't righteous how you supposed to be god  
Another question you might have no doubt  
How does god on his album cover looking knocked out?  
For me it's simple and plain  
Let me explain  
Its symbolic to the fact I've been through some things  
I was tripping to taking no ass whooping literally I'm just trying to show  
you my pain  
Cause life imitates art like even before I had kids naming my best album  
the best part  
The life of this artist was drawing kind off dark  
But darkness accentuates the light's spark  
To reveal there's room full of powder keg  
That explodes into all of these sounds  
So visually that was me knocked out  
Musically this is me getting up off the ground  
I use the assault and battery to energize  
And set sail on a whole nother enterprise  
Boldly go where MCs are scared to  
Man up in ways boys ain't prepared to  
Take life's hardest hits one the chin  
Wipe the blood off my cheek and begin again  
So why these rappers fantasize and pretend  
This just shows you art imitates life now and then

How many records have you released as J Live?  
A little over five  
How many records have you sold combined since your first album?  
Approximately 100,000  
Do you mean to say that the millions of people

Who love hip-hop aren't aware of your music?  
Yes sir  
I can hardly believe that unless they were blind, deaf and dumb  
Well they were made blind deaf and dumb  
By popular culture since they were babies  
Can a label fool J Live?  
No not nowadays  
Do you mean to say the labels will fool J Live in the ten years?  
Yes  
The labels made the interpretation I'd receive gold for my labor  
More than I could earn in my own company  
Then did you receive gold?  
No  
The labels disappeared  
And there was no one there to speak my language  
Then what happened?