

# What I Been Through

Lil' Flip

Hi, this is the Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous  
Today we're interviewing Lil' Flip (what's up man)  
So Lil' Flip tell me, how long have you been rapping  
(man I've been rapping ever since)...

1995, I was in junior high  
I saw a lot of shit, so I was glad to be alive  
A lot of people died, but a lot of people here  
And when I turned 15, my vision got clear  
It's time to be a man, time to make a plan  
It's cool to make a hundred, but it's best to make a grand  
My Granny got sick, and then they found cancer  
We got to pay the doctors, but God got the answer  
The surgery went good, my Granny doing well  
My baby on the way so I can't go to jail  
And to my niggas on the block, stop selling rocks  
Cause I'm gonna tell the truth you can't outsmart the cops  
You see what I did, I only drop hits  
Chopping up game, y'all chopping up bricks  
And some niggas snitch, cause they can't take the heat  
How we gone go buy a system when the system got his beat

Hey, I'm from the home of the Astros, home of the Rockets  
Born a rapper with a microphone in my pocket  
Always thought I was grown, you couldn't tell me nothing  
I would talk shit if you tried to tell me something  
But I regret that, I had some minor setbacks  
Old people thought my future would be jet black  
All my years growing up, I thought life was a game  
You can't make it real far, thinking life is a game  
Yeah we lost a couple of friends, I almost lost my brother  
I don't know what would of happened if we lost each other  
Everyday is something new, I just take it in stride  
You only got one life, so enjoy the ride  
Sometimes I was paid, sometimes I was broke  
Me and Gray started hustling but my mama didn't know  
But it's cool, cause now I'm into this music  
The man gave us a gift and we loving to use it  
And if you look real close you'll see  
That you can only be you, and I can be me  
Cause can't nobody ever live my life but me  
But you will never see what I see like me huh me

And you don't know what I've been through  
So you shouldn't judge me  
And you don't know what I will and I won't do  
So you shouldn't judge me

It's getting harder now I just don't understand  
Why the people in the world disgrace the black man  
All that I could say, is pray and let it be  
Live right and try your best not to end up like me  
See I was the nigga that slang dope and steal cars  
Glad I stopped before it led behind bars  
Heart aches and scars, help me feel my way  
Understand today I got a decision to make  
Now do I wanna live right or continue going wrong

I'm never at home this music keep a nigga gone  
But this is what gets me, who are you to judge  
Cause I'm young and black, people still hold a grudge  
Just a nudge right now'd push me over the end  
When I was 14 I lost a very close friend  
And ever since then my life ain't been the same  
That's the biggest reason why I had to make a change

Never judge a book by it's cover, a man by his wealth  
And if you already on your feet why don't you help somebody else  
This what I was taught, so that's what I live by  
Cause you can't take none of this shit with you when you die  
So everyday I try, to keep my head high  
But these bird ass niggas always jump fly  
Should I take em out the game, naw I'm gonna use my brain  
I'm gonna kill em with kindness, and blow up my name  
I came from nothing, and now I got a little change  
A nigga happy now but I went through some pain  
And everytime it rain, there's gone be some sunshine  
I never thought I could put my whole life in one rhyme