

Paternity Leave Intro

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Not a activist, I'm a realist, could care less if you don't feel this
Fed up, that food for thought that they feeding us ain't fulfilling
How we supposed to want peace when we the ones that they killing
Kaepernick wasn't nothing like Officer Chauvin kneeling
Learned about Dr. King, but then I saw Rodney King
Why can't we just get along, all we got is a dream
Reality is I'm Black, so that mean a lot of things
I'm feared, I'm scared, I'm scarred, I'm strapped, nahmean
Far more likely to get killed by someone that look just like me
It's hard beating the odds with all these demons I'm fighting
Police see me get frightened, wanna read me my rights
Don't get me wrong, tryna put it all in a song

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I got a daughter and they abducting lil' girls without warning
News barely report it, but who am I to ignore it?
They too busy brainwashing us, distract us from the fact
That they ain't offering us help, thanks officers
Choke us out and then tell us the autopsy said COVID
Genocide slash civil war, y'all thought this was over?
Skeptical of the protests when corporations promote it
Had some hope but they stole it, our reparations condolences
Don't mean to sound bitter, once you consider
I ran up a million dollars and guess what, I'm still a nigga
Beat a criminal case, gotta settle out on a civil
If I ever told you I love you, whatever I got I'll give you

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I got a voice, and I know I might lose it if I don't use it
Fell out of love with music, afraid of my own influence
Still ain't got much to say, I'm in a state of confusion
Gotta start with myself if I wanna make an improvement
I don't make all the rules, but I don't make no excuses
I don't think things gone change, at least not anytime soon
Shit, we been looting and marching before I got here
They still shooting, we the targets, no it's not fair

I watch the news, read them articles, it don't stop there
Killing our own kind, really they don't mind
We die in these streets or sit in prison a long time
Even with a little wisdom and strong mind

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"This is the streets talking for themselves. They don't NEED me right now. I kept my mouth shut. And I'll STILL keep my mouth shut. But don't think that my silence is complicit."