

Since before my adolescence remembrance of you  
commences  
Will never forget how you taught a scrub to catch and  
connect with pitchin'  
We'd sit and watch the Mets and Yankees  
As bad as I was, can't remember if ya spanked me  
While babysittin' this nigga, you became a father  
figure  
Mowed the lawn with ya whenever  
Bourbon was your liquor  
Who'd figure the strongest man I knew could have a bad  
ticker  
And the last time we'd see each other was Christmas '95  
Without ever havin' a chance to say goodbye  
You left the summer of '96, the 1st of July  
Now reside in peace, released from all the pressure and  
pain  
Your grandson proclaims the name Nelson forever reigns  
(chorus)  
Grand groove, King of my crew  
Grand groove, I dedicate this to you  
You moved from Queens to Tennessee when in my mid-  
teens, later Atlanta  
Adopted Eileen when she was umpteen  
Provided cream for your fam for years, retired  
Now I understand what it is to be a man upon this  
planet  
Took for granted the times you'd trip to NY on vacation  
Thinkin' you'd be around for ever, probably neglected  
you unconsciously  
The thought of me Mcing made ya bug, vividly at times  
Imaging our last hug is bugged  
Don't seem to realise you ain't comin' back  
A routine check. How, while getting' dressed, did  
stress give you a heart attack?  
Now reside in peace, released from all the pressure and  
pain  
Your grandson proclaims the name Nelson forever reigns  
(chorus)  
We laughed for hours when you fell from off that  
bicycle  
'Til tears trickled down my face  
Memories never erased, laced with wisdom  
Reflect up on my upbringing  
Remember, you never missed a day  
My school had me singing, forever in my heart  
Never forget how much I love you  
Thinkin' of you I miss the times together  
Where it's better  
You now reside in peace, released from all the pressure  
and pain  
Your grandson proclaims the name Nelson forever reigns  
(chorus)