I been a wretch from about 3 or 2 Cruisin on the tele it was on channel 2 My dad was in the riots so they came to seize you Growing up I was a kid that everybody knew More me, it's like I'm never in the mood A true pisces my emotions in my tunes It's an understatement to say it's over with me and you I took a few shots but I'm soldiering it through And now I'm looking at my boys turned men Thinkin lord God we coulda been like them Cause we ain't the type to fear our opponents The road door closed when my career pass opened It's like I'm drinking more than I'm thinking Celebrating as I'm crossing off my wish list I'm sleeping with both eyes open I'm living my dream man, I don't wanna miss this

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It takes a second just to look me in my eyes It takes an hour just to listen to my life It took me years just to push me to this hype But it take a lifetime to try and duplicate my vibe I'm me Smooth with my scratches and scars I'm free 2 minute stamp on the charts And I'm sending a letter, I hope you receive it Hand on my heart I'm a flow while it's beating To put it in words, it coulda been worse From the undergrounds I coulda been dirt I took a right turn at a wrong place Cause sometimes shortcuts are the long way Gotta have strong faith Now I'm pleading with my baby mamma She tryin to tell me that I turned into a lady lover Huh, I got my eye on the prize and I'm bringing home the bread Let's make a toast, you can save the butter

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Hey yo wretch Let me get this from here, yeah Last month a 14 year old in my hood got stabbed and died I used to cruise on my bike down that same side road that he lost his life I fill a cup with tears and lick it back like a shot just to swallow my prid e Niggas would eat from your bowl and you keep down like a pin coulda hold a s

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trike You don't know what it's like Getting cheese amongst a rats fam From a town where robin could rob batman Taxman underneath the taxman giving me that tax man I'd rather die from death man And everything ain't what it seems on these shelves You parting red seas and A&R in ourselves And you can still get a deal and get shelved Getting signed won't necessarily help All this fire in my tank I've come too far to get shanked I'm walking on water that others sank And I'm laughing all the way to the bank Power of the grime, lord on my side Test me, I can make a preacher man grimes From a council estate but yeah we made it Best things can come from the worse places

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