

**MASCULINITY,
WHAT'S YOUR IDENTITY?
THIS IS MY CULTURE,
THIS IS MY CULTURE**

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Odera/Mark

(Verse 1)

I'M STILL A YOUNG MAN AND I'M STILL GROWING UP
 STILL NEED HELP FROM THE OTHER GROWN UP
 CAUSE I'M GROWING UP WITHOUT A MOMMA OR A DADDY
 LIFE IS NOT EASY BUT I GOTTA STAY STEADY
 HOPING THAT I'LL MAKE IT ONE DAY TO THE TOP
 SCHOOL IS THE WAY SO I'M NEVER GONNA DROP
 I'M LIVING A HARD LIFE BUT I STILL KEEP IT POSITIVE
 I TAKE OUT THE NEGATIVE REPLACE IT WITH THE POSITIVE
 I'VE BEEN THROUGH HARD LIFETIMES I'M TRYING TO MAKE A CHANGE
 I'M ALWAYS TRYING MY BEST AND I KNOW I'LL MAKE A CHANGE
 NEVER SMOKED CRACK AND I'LL NEVER USE DRUGS
 FORGET ALCOHOL I DON'T WANNA GET DRUNK
 THIS IS REAL LIFE AND I'M NEVER GONNA LIE ABOUT IT
 WANNA BE A SUCCESS? BOYS TO MEN LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

(Hook)

HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE TO DIE TO STOP ALL THE GRIEF
 HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE TO STARVE FOR ME TO SEE PEACE
 THE WORLD IS KILLING ME
 NOW THEY GOT ME TRIPPIN' TO SHINE
 WISHING TO GRIND
 THAT'S WHY I FLIP WHEN I RHYME
 MASCULINITY

(Verse 1)

I'M WRITING RHYMES ON THESE BEATS
 CAUSE I'M BRINGING THE HEAT
 TRYIN' TO BE INSIDE MY CRIB
 INSTEAD OF OUT ON THE STREET
 ON MY BLOCK THE SAME THING
 HAPPENS TO ME EVERY YEAR
 BUT BACK HOME IF THERE'S TROUBLE
 THEN I SHARPEN MY SPEAR
 IF THERE'S COPS THEN FOR SURE I'M READY TO RUN
 CAUSE I KNOW THEY DON'T WANT ME TO HAVE FUN
 HOW REAL DOES IT SOUND?
 GOT ME THINKING THEY DON'T WANT ME AROUND
 I SEE MY PEOPLE IN THE STRUGGLE LIKE WE DID SOMETHING WRONG
 NOW THEY LOOK AT US LIKE CLOWNS
 WHILE THEY PUTTING US DOWN

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(Verse 2)

WE NEED RESPONSIBILITY
IT'S BOYS TO MEN I KNOW YOU GOT POSSIBILITY
TO MAKE ME A SUCCESS CAUSE I DON'T WANT TO RELAPSE
I'M WORKING REAL HARD AND I DON'T WANT TO RELAX
I'M TIRED OF SITTING BACK WATCHING THE YOUNG ONE GROW
WITHOUT SUPERVISION MAN HOW WOULD THEY KNOW
THE GOOD FROM THE BAD SOME OF THEM ARE DOING BAD
THEY FOLLOWING BAD INFLUENCES WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?
I'M HERE NOW TURNING THE BAD INTO GOOD
I'M PREACHING FROM THE STREET ALL THE WAY TO THE HOOD
NOW COME AND JOIN ME IF YOU'RE HOPING FOR THE BEST
I'M SPITTING THROUGH THE MIC AND I'M CALLING FOR THE REST
CAUSE NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOU TO REALIZE
THAT THERE'S A BIG PROBLEM THAT YOU BETTER RECOGNIZE

2 DAVIS

I WANNA BE A MAN WHO TAKES OUT THE TRASH
NOT A KID ANYMORE WHO USED TO WATCH M.A.S.H.
MAKING FACES AT CARS HOPING THEY CRASH
BUT I'M STRONG NOW AND THAT TOOK LONG

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I'M PROUD!

3 DEREK

THERE ARE MASCULINE MEN THAT ARE REALLY NICE
THEY TREAT PEOPLE WITH RESPECT
THEY'RE THE ONES WHO WON'T REJECT THE HOMELESS
THEY'RE NOT CARELESS ABOUT WHAT THEY HAVE
THEY WEEP OVER THE ONES WHO SEEK FREEDOM
FROM THE BAD WAY OF LIFE

THEY'RE THE ONES WHO CARE FOR THEIR WIVES
THEY DON'T LIKE HER JUST FOR WHAT SHE LOOKS LIKE
THEY OPEN UP THEIR HEART AND
THEY DON'T CARE WHAT PEOPLE SAY

THAT'S WHY
TO BE MASCULINE YOU DON'T NEED TO BE PHYSICALLY STRONG OR BUFF
IT'S WHAT YOU DO WITH YOUR LIFE
YOU DON'T NEED TO STAY IN THE LOWLIFE
SO GET UP OFF THE COUCH AND MAKE SOMETHING OF YOURSELF

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU COULD BE
PRESIDENT, F.B.I. OR SPECIAL AGENT 003
SO GO ON DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO TO GET THERE
BUT DON'T BE SCARED EVEN IF YOU'RE IN A WHEELCHAIR

SO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF LIFE
IF YOU'RE NOT NICE LIKE I SAID BEFORE
TREAT EVERYONE WITH RESPECT
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE BLACK OR WHITE
NONE OF US NEED TO FIGHT

4 RACISM RAP (NATE/TRAVIS/ABDE)

ALL
Black

ALL
White

ALL
Black

ALL
White

ABDE
RACISM IS SOMETHING AFFECTS ALL PEOPLE
ALSO SOMETHING YOU KNOW I BEEN THROUGH
WHITE BLACK TAN OR MEXICAN
WHO REALLY CARES ABOUT YOUR MELANIN WITHIN?

ALL
BIGOTRY, IGNORANCE, RIDICULOUS, DUMB
CULTURES, LOVE, HATE, RESPECT NUMB
BIGOTRY, IGNORANCE, RIDICULOUS, DUMB
CULTURES, LOVE, HATE, RESPECT NUMB

TRAVIS
DO YOU BE YOURSELF IN A WORLD OF WANNABEES
WE ALL HAVE ONE HEART TWO EYES WE ALL BLEED
PEOPLE ONLY THINK ABOUT THE COLOR OF YOUR SKIN
NOT EVEN WORRIED ABOUT THE SOUL YOU KEEP WITHIN

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NATE
RACISM IS SCARY WHERE WILL I GO
I'M TEN YEARS OLD HOW DO I KNOW?
PEOPLE GETTING KILLED PEOPLE GETTING SHOT
THEY SING IT IN AMERICA THEY THINK THAT IT'S HOT
NONE OF THESE GUYS GOT CAUGHT
NO ONE SAID STOP NOT EVEN A COP
SOMEONE'S IN TROUBLE

IF WE GET SEEN THE FINE IS DOUBLE
WE ARE LET DOWN RUN DOWN GUN DOWN
TO THEM THIS IS FUN TOWN

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WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A REAL MAN
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 I'M JUST GUESSING THAT'S ONLY ME
 SO LISTEN UP AND HEED WHAT I SEE

I DON'T WANT TO BE AN IGNORAMOUS
 SOMEONE WHO'S HIENOUS

I WANT TO BE A MAN LIKE MALCOLM X
 WHO KNEW HOW TO FLOW AND KNEW HOW TO GO
 HE WENT THROUGH COLLEGE AND GOT A BACHELORS DEGREE
 AND KNEW THE ROLE AND KNEW HOW TO GO

I WANT TO BE A MAN LIKE MAHAT MAGANDHI
 WHO EXTENDED HIS MIND AT THE AGE OF FIFTEEN
 WENT THROUGH COLLEGE IN THE GRANDEST DEGREE
 A DOCTOR YOU SEE AND THEN THERE'S ME

AND EDUCATED MAN IN THE INSIDE YOU SEE
 BUT ON THE OUTSIDE HE WAS AN INDIAN YOU SEE
 HE BECAME A GURU AND TOLD EVERYONE TO FIGHT
 FIGHT THEM WITH LOVE AND ONLY THAT YOU SEE
 HE KNEW HOW TO BE AND NOW INDIA'S FREE

THESE TWO MEN ARE GREAT YOU SEE
 THEY FOUGHT RACISM WITH WORDS AND EDUCATION
 YOU SEE TWO POWERFUL HERO'S AND THEN THERE'S ME

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 SO LISTEN UP AND HEED WHAT I SEE

TO BE A REAL MAN IS TO FIGHT FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN
 HEED THEM WORDS AND YOU'LL NEVER STOP FREEDOM
 LIKE ME, I'M A MUSLIM BROTHER I HEED THE KATAB
 MAN I SAY TO HAM DI LI HULA

JUST LIKE ANOTHER HINDU BROTHER
 A WHITE BLACK OR CHRISTIAN LOVER
 OR A JEW WHO LOVES HIS MOTHER, ALL OTHERS
 I'M DEDICATED TO MY RELIGION, BROTHER
 WE'RE ALL SLAVES OF THE ONE, THE ONLY ONE

6 GEDEON (NATE)

(Intro)

In my culture a man has to do many things

Bring money to a family, do everything to make good

Work hard, grow your own food, work the land

A man has to suffer

If you live in the village, you have to wake up every day at 6, feed the cow, come back home, eat

You have to go to school

Have a wife, have kids

If you live in the city you have to go to work

But where I am from it was hard to find because of the war

And because of who you are

I was born in the Congo, into a Tutsi tribe

And the Hutus wanted to kill all of the Tutsis

Luckily my family had money

But during this time, if you were broke

You had to buy a gun

Put a mask on your face, shoot people, take their money

Or you could join the army to get money

Even if you joined the army the other soldiers would kill you

And so I came to the United States

CAME TO THE US IN THE YEAR 2004

NEEDED MONEY

WANTED MONEY

WANTED TO BE A GANGSTA

SO I PICKED UP A GUN

AND I STARTED SELLING DRUGS

MONEY IS POWER

EVERYBODY WANTS SOME

LIFE ON THE RUN IS LIVING LIFE WITHOUT SENSE

LIVING ONLY FOR YOURSELF ALWAYS IN THE PRESENT TENSE

LIFE IN THE STREETS IS LIKE CHASING THE WIND

YOUR NEVER GONNA CATCH IT AND YOUR NEVER GONNA WIN

GOT LOCKED UP TIMES THREE

TILL I SAID NOT FOR ME

SO I MADE A REAL CHANGE

I WANNA LIVE MY LIFE FREE

DON'T CARE ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE

AND THE ONLY THING TO DO

IS MORE KILLING AND STEALING

AND ALL YOU SEE IS YOU

DONE WITH DRUGS DONE WITH GUNS
MY MIND IS CLEAR AND FREE NOW
LIVING LIFE AS A HUMAN
GONNA MAKE MY MOM PROUD

I GO TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY
I'M GONNA MAKE MY OWN WAY
FIND A JOB GO TO COLLEGE
AND GET MARRIED SOMEDAY

I'M LIVING LIFE AS A HUMAN
LIFE AS A HUMAN
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LIFE AS A HUMAN

7 TRAVIS

YOU BEEN THERE I BEEN THERE TOO
 YOU WOULD NOT BELIEVE THE CRAP I BEEN THROUGH

I'VE BEEN SHOT I'VE BEEN STABBED
 I'M SITTING ON MY DEATHBED DON'T KNOW WHAT I HAVE
 DON'T KNOW WHAT I HAD
 KINDA MAKES ME MAD

GOT IGNORANCE GOT ATTITUDE
 GOT HATE DON'T STOP CRIME
 GOT PEOPLE THAT ARE JUST RUDE
 LET ME TELL YA ONE MORE TIME

YOU GROW UP TO KNOW NONE
 I TELL YOU I GOT SOME
 WHERE'S ALL THE FUN?
 DON'T ASK FOR NONE

YOU WON'T FIND ANYWHERE IN THIS WORLD OF SIN
 GOT HOPE AND DISPAIR
 I KNOW WHERE I'VE BEEN

YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO
 IT COMES TO YOU SLOW THOUGH

YOU'LL FIGURE IT OUT
 IN THIS WORLD OF DOUBT
 I'M SAYIN' TIME OUT
 SO I'M GONNA SHOUT\

IT'S EASY TO LEARN I'LL TAKE THE BURN
 THE HEAT'S A LOT
 BUT YOU KNOW WHAT YOU GOT

GOT IGNORANCE GOT ATTITUDE
 GOT HATE DON'T STOP CRIME
 GOT PEOPLE THAT ARE JUST RUDE
 LET ME TELL YA ONE MORE TIME

NOW I'M FINISHED I'M OUT
 I'LL LEAVE YOU THINKING 'BOUT
 YOUR FUTURE
 FIND OUT WHAT SUITS YOU

8 ABDE

LIFE IN AMERICA IS VERY EASY
 BACK IN MY COUNTRY IT'S HARD LIKE CRAZY

IN MY COUNTRY WE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM
 WE WANNA FEEL FREE
 BUT SEEING PEOPLE DIE GETTING SHOT
 IT'S NOT VERY EASY FOR ME

TO SEE THESE THINGS BUT I'M ONLY FOUR
 WHAT CAN I DO?
 I FIGHT FOR MY RIGHTS
 EVERY SINGLE DAY
 FIGHTING ALL DAY I FEEL TIRED
 I WANNA GO TO SLEEP
 BUT I DON'T FEEL PROTECTED
 I DON'T FEEL SAFE CAUSE OF ALL THESE CRAZY THINGS GOING ON RIGHT NOW
 SOON AS THE WAR STOPS THAT'S WHEN
 I STARTED TO FEEL A LITTLE BIT FREE AND SAFE

GROWING UP IN AMERICA IS VERY EASY
 BACK IN MY COUNTRY IT'S VERY CRAZY
 CRAZY EASY EASY CRAZY

PLAYING SOCCER IS WHAT I DO
 I FEEL HAPPY WHEN I'M IN ACTION
 WHEN I'M IN THE FIELD SHOWING WHAT I GOT
 PLAYING SOCCER ALL DAY SWEATY HOT
 I FEEL IN MY SOUL THAT I AM WHOLE
 I FEEL FREE
 EVER SINCE I WAS BORN I WAS BORN TO PLAY SOCCER
 SOCCER IS MY LIFE SOCCER IS MY PASSION
 SOCCER IS WHO I AM

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 BACK IN MY COUNTRY IT'S VERY CRAZY
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9 CHRIS

I'M HONEST I'LL NEVER BREAK A PROMISE
CONTINUE TO STRIVE
EVERY SECOND THAT THE CLOCK TICKS HARDSHIPS
ARE INSTILLED IN MY MEMORY
YOU CAN SEE THE SCARS
WHEN I DANCE TO MY MELODY
BE A MAN GET A JOB
IS WHAT THEY TELLING ME
BUT I'M TELLING YOU
MACDONALD'S JUST WON'T DO
I WANNA SEE THE WORLD
I WANNA FIND LOVE
BUT I FIND MYSELF ABOVE
WHENEVER I FIND DRUGS
AND I FIND MYSELF LOW
WHEN I DO WHAT I'M TOLD
CAUSE I WANNA SHOW THE WORLD
ALL THESE SKILLS THAT I HOLD
ALL THE TALENT I POSSESS
IS MORE THAN JUST FLY
I WANN BE THE MAN
THAT'S Y'ALL LOVE WHEN I DIE

MORE DETERMINED THAN EVER
I'M ALWAYS PREPARED
CAUSE I'LL MAKE A CHANGE IN THIS WORLD
AND Y'ALL ARE SCARED

10 MIKE/GREG

I'M GONNA BE A MAN BUT I'M JUST A BOY
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 I'M GONNA BE A MAN BUT I'M JUST A BOY

I'M GONNA BE A MAN WHO HAS A LONG LIFESPAN
 OR AT LEAST I HOPE SO
 I'M GONNA BE A MAN WITH A REAL GOOD PLAN
 I'M JUST HOPING FOR A BUNCH OF FANS
 I WANNA HEAR THEM CHEER FOR ME
 I DON'T WANT TO HAVE SOVIERNITY
 I KNOW I WON'T HAVE POVERTY
 MY RAPS ARE HOT THEY REALLY BURN
 SOME PEOPLE GO TO SCHOOL BUT THEY JUST DON'T LEARN
 WAIT HOLD ON, YO MIKE IT'S YOUR TURN

YO YO I WANNA BE A MAN WHO DREW THE FEW FOR A BETTER VIEW
 OF LIFE'S CREW TO CONSTRUE WHO I'M TALKING TO
 SO GET THE CLUE
 I WANNA BE DIFFERENT UNLIKE THE KNOWN ASSOCIATION
 I WANNA GIVE CRITICS SOME UNDENIABLE FRUSTRATION
 A SENSATION TRHOUGHTOUT THE NATIONS' CREATION
 MEANT FOR ELEVATION
 SAVING THOSE FROM DAMNATION
 I WANNA BE KNOWN NOT JUST ON TELECAST
 THE MAN THAT WAS KNOWN AS NOT YET SURPASSED
 HIGH CLASS ABOVE THE LEVEL YOU CAN'T PASS
 STAND FAST I'M GONNA GET THE CROWD TO OVERMASS
 WHEN MY HIP HOP STARTS TO BE KNOWN AS UNCOMPARABLE
 I'M A BE GETTING LIL' WAYNE A NEW NAME, TERRIBLE
 UNBEARABLE MY VERSES ARE SO HOT
 THEY'RE WEARABLE
 EVERY WORD THAT I SPIT OUT MY MOUTH IS A PARABLE
 ONE DAY I'M A SHAKE OBAMA'S HAND IN RECORDATION
 BECAUSE MONEY MIKE IS THE MAN CAN'T DOUBT
 WHAT I'M A BE IS WILIN' OUT
 I'M A CROSS KOBE AND GET THE CROWD TO OPEN THEY MOUTH
 THE NEXT HIP HOP LEGEND IS BEFORE YOUR EYES
 LIKE STEVE MARBUREY I'M IN NEW YORK'S PRIZE POSSESSION
 MY RAP IS JUST A SESSION OF WHAT YOU'RE GONNA SEE
 IT'S TURNED INTO A LESSON CAN'T YOU SEE I'M THE FUTURE BLESSING
 IT'S AIN'T NO QUESTION I'VE GOT THE SUCCESSION
 MY PROGRESSION WILL SOON GIVE HATERS A MANIC DEPRESSION
 BY THE TIME I'M EIGHTEEN SCHOOLIN' WIL BE MY PROFESSION

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WHEN I DIE I WANNA BE BURIED IN EVERY GREEN CEMETARY
 I KNOW A WHOLE LOT ABOUT THE VIRGIN MARY
 THINKING ABOUT DEATH CAN BE PRETTY SCARY
 WHEN I WAS LITTLE I WATCHED WERE TOM AND JERRY
 WHEN I GROW UP I'M GONNA MARRY
 THINING ABOUT DEATH CAN BE PRETTY SCARY
 DON'T HAVE WINGS LIKE A FAIRY

YO MAN YOU THINK YOU GANGSTA?
 SORRY TO HAVE TO BURST YOUR BUBBLE
 YOU THINK YOU'RE COOL CUZ YOU DO DRUGS?
 YOU'RE JUST GONNA GET IN TROUBLE
 YOU CAN YOU DO IN YOUR LIFE
 BUT I'M NOT GONNA MAKE IT ALL RUBBLE
 YOU MAN OH YEAH I GET MONEY I GET IT ON THE DOUBLE
 I'M GONNA BE TOUGH AND STRONG LIKE AN OX
 I WON'T BE SNEAKY AND SLY LIKE A FOX
 I WON'T HAVE A HOUSE THAT LOOKS LIKE A CARDBOARD BOX
 WHEN I WAS YOUNG I HAD THE CHICKEN POX
 I'LL BE SAFE NOT SORRY I WON'T GET A DISEASE
 MAN SERIOUSLY GET ON YOUR KNEES PLEASE
 I'LL PUT YOUR RIBS IN A BASKET LIKE APPLEBEE'S

I WANNA BE A MAN WHO LENDS A HAND
 WHO'S ALWAYS IN HIGH COMMAND
 WHO WALKS DOWN THE AISLES WITH THOSE WEDDING BANDS
 WHO MAKES IT BIG IN A HUGE RAP BAND
 WHO'S ALWAYS MAKING HIS RYHMES AND RAPS EXPAND
 WHO USUALLY DOESN'T MISUNDERSTAND
 AND I ALWAYS TRY MY BEST TO UNDERSTAND

MY DOUGH WILL ARRIVE BY THE MINUTE
 I SPIT IT DO DOPE THEY GONNA TELL ME I'M TOO SICK
 EVERY MC THAT TRY'S TO AIM
 BULLS EYE I HIT IT
 I'M A GET PEOPLE TO SAY MONEY MIKE HAS JUST LIT IT
 TO THE MOON FORGET ABOUT THE STARS
 AT LEAST THESE SCARS WON'T PUT YOU BEHIND BARS
 RIDE CHROMED OUT CARS FORGET CHOCO CIGARS
 YOU CAN GRAB WHAT'S YOURS
 WE GONE GRAB WHATS OURS
 I'M A WRITE BOOKS FROM NIGHT TO DAY
 ONE THAT WON'T SWAY OR LEAVE ASTRAY
 SO MAKE WAY FOR THE VERSES THAT WON'T DECAY
 I WILL BE KNOWN NOT TO OFTEN FALSE DISPLAY THROUGH THE BOQUET
 AT THE KING OF WORD CAN YOU CONVEY
 I DON'T SEEK THE PREDATORS BUT PROTECT THE PREY

I'M A POP HAIRSPRAY ON MY SLICK HAIR BEFORE THE GREAT DAY
 WHEN ALL HELL FALLS AWAY
 A LEGEND THAT MAY BAND WEAKNESS FOREVER, WHAT CAN I SAY?

11 NATE

MASCULINITY IS MY CULTURE AND IDENTITY

DON'T JUDGE ME FOR WHO I AM
 YOU CAN TALK THE TALK
 BUT WHEN IT'S TIME TO WALK YOU STAND
 YOU'RE SHOOK AND YOUR BODY IS STUCK
 YOU'RE FALLING DOWN
 I'M RISING UP
 MY IDENTITY SPEAKS FOR ITSELF
 MY CULTURE MY MASCULINITY
 IS SOMETHING ELSE

MY PERSONALITY ALONE PUTS YOU ON THE SHELF
 MY CULTURE IS COOL BUT WE JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN
 WE'RE NOT THE ONE'S YOU SEE WITH HOODIES AND GUNS
 WE CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT YOU THINK OUR CULTURE HAS BECOME
 WE IS A TEAM AND WE STAND AS ONE

I'M A SMALL DUDE BUT THAT DON'T STOP ME
 MY CHARISMA IS ENOUGH TO SET A SOUL FREE
 HOW WAS THAT LITTLE RAP
 BRUCE, CHIARA, SAIYID GOT MY BACK
 I JUST TOLD YOU ABOUT MY LIFE AND ME
 HIP HOP ITSELF MAKES ME FEEL FREE
 ANYONE DISRESPECT IT
 THEY GET AFFECTED
 CAUSE NATE GETS HECTIC
 THIS IN MY LIFE
 NOT YOURS TO MESS WITH
 YOU DON'T DESERVE TO REP IT
 I BELIEVE IN WHO I AM
 AND I STAND MY GROUND
 I WON'T LET A SINGLE PERSON OR PROBLEM
 BRING ME DOWN
 THAT'S WHEN I LOOK DOWN
 YOU LOOK UP
 AND SEE NATE WITH THE CROWN
 AND YOU WITH THE BLUFF
 SEE YOU FORGET I'M SMALL BUT TOUGH
 AND YOU STILL WON'T FIND ME IN CUFFS
 I'M NOT DONE WITH THIS STUFF
 THE WORLD IS CRUEL
 IT KICKS YOU IN THE BACK LIKE A MULE
 IT'S HARD FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME TO STAY IN SCHOOL

I GOTTA STAY CLEVER
MY MASCULINITY, CULTURE AND IDENTITY WILL LAST FOREVER

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BOY'S TO MEN LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!