

# FORGIVE ME

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Brush your teeth and comb your hair you tell me  
You'll never leave my side and you always remind me  
I'm sorry that you missed work because I misbehaved  
Yet I still wonder how did I come out this way

Tell me again how do you smile full of pain  
How do you stay dry with no cover in the rain  
How do you survive when nothing is left  
How do a boy from Queens turn into a dangerous threat

I only hustled because I thought it'll stop the tears  
I never thought it would cost our greatest fears  
Life or death, the system said life  
I learned that even riches cost a price

How did tears turn into rivers but rivers turned into lakes  
You pray I find myself before time is too late  
Who put drugs in my pocket and a gun in my hand  
I feel like I've been tricked because I should've been dead

Bills raising higher but our air is getting low  
My father is a fiend so you had to let him go  
I remember late nights feeling cold  
No food on the table so I got it on my own

I had to help pay the bills before the lights go out  
I'll steal to have clothes on our backs and food in our mouths  
I used to post on corners while I hung with prostitutes  
I never seen them coming til I got caught by red and blue

I call you a Queen because you are  
You keep yourself together while shining like a star  
I hate that I did things that I'll never admit  
Because the lion heart I got won't let me say that I quit

I wish that I could cry to you but the pain is too deep  
You don't have to blame yourself because I lived within the streets  
It's not your fault for things I did to get us through

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<sup>∞</sup> I live by the quote, "If Life is What You Make It, How Do You Change It?" I was born on April 5th, 1997. I am currently in prison serving a life sentence for being at the wrong place, at the wrong time. I use writing to keep peace in my life. I try to change the world, one word at a time.

It's hard to build a Kingdom but I made a crown for you

You still cry and blame yourself for all my actions  
Just relax and take your throne with satisfaction  
I'm making moves that ain't the same  
I've earned respect that's on my name

Momma, do you forgive me for the things that I've done?  
Momma, please forgive me and let it be known I'm your son  
The things I used to do, is the reasons why you stressed  
But with you I changed my life, everyday I'm feeling blessed