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Excuse Me Everybody

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Excuse me everybody, I got somethin' to say
And when I'm through I promise you you'll be glad that you stayed
This is just a little sumthin' sumthin' I wrote especially for you
We've been on the grind for so long now it's time that we broke through

Before we even know it will be over said and done
Let's all seize the moment it's 'bout time that we begun

The Comeback Kid

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I'm back by popular demand
Well not really but my optimism's grand
A little success has got me in a jam
I never thought i'd say i got too many fans
You can thank my face for that, i mean wait
Myspace and Facebook lets face the facts,
I'm at the bottom of the charts but we aimin high
Kinda hard when they still can't say your name right
Took some time away from the game
Came back same thing though times have changed
I'm no longer that dude from that 70's show
Now I'm the guy who's video is in American Eagle
I stay fly like seagulls got hair like the Beatles
Spit truth for the people just call this a sequel

We get knocked down but we get right back up
Keep on comin back we k-k-keep on comin back for more
There is a fire that burns deep inside us we're the
Comeback kids kids we're the comeback kids

Round 2, they're askin' what's new
How you gonna comeback B what you gonna do?
Took a couple shots to the face from some critics
Can't imagine what they gonna say when they hear this
I'm done tryin' to fit in, thought about quittin'
Can't stop now we can't afford to give in
Learned my lesson through facin' opposition
If life doesn't hurt then we're not really livin'
So we take punch after punch like
Cassius Clay or Sugar Ray you see
This hard knock life might make my heart break
But you ain't gonna make no quitter out of me

Keep fightin' til' the war is won
Comeback kids lion heart champion let's go

I'm back, i gotta manager now
He's 6'4 black and his name is Cal
If you got a problem you he'll solve it
I got a style they still don't know what to call it
I've been on the grind since L.J. was a Hornet
Way before the days of Chris Paul in New Orleans
Back in the days of M. Jackson and Jordan
I was on that 8-track reel to reel recordin'
And I still gotta pay to get on
Paid my dues yet I still can't pay my loans
Couldn't find a hot beat so I made my own
Couldn't find a hot street so we paved a road
Hey Mr. DJ keep playin my song
While you're at it could you please stop sayin' my name wrong
Keep fightin' to the break-break of dawn
Comeback kids never quit always stay strong

I Know

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Everyday is a new beginning filled with tale's untold
Through a tainted window we all watch our lives unfold
And so it goes, on and on, on and on and so it goes

Some doors happen to be open while other's they stay closed
While we try to plan ahead nobody truly knows what tomorrow holds
Oh-oh-oh and that's how the story goes

I know life may not always go the way you planned
You can't stand it, you feel left alone and abandoned oh-oh-oh
But I know the One who's in control and how He made you
He won't leave you, forsake you nor deceive

Unexpected turns they lead us off the beaten path
We end up in a desert wondering how long will we last
Before we crash and burn and our hopes turn into fears

There's beauty in the brokenness for inside it we find
That pain produces character like grapes squeezed into wine and over time
We see how divinely we were designed

Life's surprises can paralyze us and leave us by the wayside dying to
Find a reason to keep on breathing when all hope is gone
To keep on believing, keep on believing

Mess

(Brian Reith)

Somebody get me out this mess I'm in

See i've been tryin' to do the best I can
But I keep on stumblin' over and over again
I ain't got no more excuses for ya
All that I can say is sorry
Won't you please come rescue me as quickly as you can

It's crazy how far we go
Just to put a little gas in our ego
That's what happens when your self esteem is low
We'll do anything to get people to notice us I know
It's tough but hey, imagine us throwin' our lives away
Because we're listenin' to the voice inside that chants
Says we'll never be significant if we can't
Fit in so we get into all kinds of trouble tryin' to be somebody we're not
Since in the beginning we've been givin' into the lie that says that we got
To keep up with the Jones's or get left behind
So we end up in debt tryin' to catch up it's messed up
'Cause ten years from now we can't press rewind
I want to invest in what stands the test of time

I'm so sick and tired of being down and out
Tryin' to do what's right but wrong keeps comin out
I keep on tryin to write but songs ain't comin out
Plus now I'm getting older and time is runnin out I know,
Growth's a process but I can't see my progress
And I'm startin' to feel that my labor's in vain
So I hold on to the promise instead of my problems
Otherwise this stress is gonna drive me insane
Yes there's more to life than workin' 9 to 5
Buyin' things that make you feel fuzzy inside
I tried it and it worked at first for five minutes
But left me in the cold to hang like icicles oh!
Now I'm froze like a popsicle
Feel's like my mission's impossible
I'm stuck up in a maze full of obstacles
Keep on ending where I'm not supposed to go

I just want to be okay with who I am, not have to run away
I'm so tired of trends I can't keep pretending
Playing these foolish games

Antidote

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She set out to make a change and leave her broken shattered past behind
To get back to the fairy tales she dreamed about when she was just a child
She used to be an optimist but now she sees the obvious
She's running out of places to call home
At nighttime she cries out and lets the skylights be her audience
Cause no one else will listen to her sad and lonely song

She's looking for an antidote
She's looking for a man that won't

Take advantage of her heart and steal her soul
Leave her in the freezing cold
A remedy that will take the pain away
So she can go and start her life over again
Let the broken pieces mend

At age 19 she's tried it all but can't remove the poison from her veins
She blames herself and tries to numb the shame and guilt by self inflicting pain
But something deep inside her heart kindles and ignites a spark
Burns like candles lighting up her dark
She feels the air and breathes it in and dares herself to dream again
Lets go of all to search for something worth believing in

Now is not forever all that's seen will fade away, these wars will end
There is an Antidote to heal your broken pain there is a
Lifeline that hides inside the Maker of your frame He gave His
Life hold your head up high you will get by you will get by
Hold your head up high you will get by

My Story

(Brian Reith)

My story is a simple one to tell
Popped out my momma's tummy 26th of January winter up in Milwaukee
Twenty minutes later peein' on the doctor's shirt
Pops makin' jokes sayin' "Look doc it works!"
So the tell me anyways, I can't remember anything before pre-K
It's all blurred together and each day my memory fades like worn leather
But what I can recall is sweeter than warm weather with a cool breeze
Saturdays were heaven, wake up watch cartoons from 7 straight to 11
Then it's outside to play whatever sport was in season
My cousins they were older so that made me the weak one
But it didn't stop me, all we did was play we made up our own games
Rolled up socks and faked like they were hand grenades makin' forts out of couches
Mom would come home mad at how messed up the house was
I stayed out of trouble most of the time
But when I got out of line Pops would smack my behind
The wonder years are over now somehow I'm fully grown
Still I fully know I didn't make it this far on my own

There is no way to count all of the mistakes I have made
And I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for Your grace
And you're still here with me, You never gave up after all this time
And I owe it all to You, You're the one that got me through
You wrote my story

Looking back on high school I see how foolish that I really was
I thought I was the coolest dude there ever was
'Til I went off to college and learned nobody there even knew who I was
It all taught me that I fall short
Like junior year when they cut me even though I left it all on the court
I had to learn how to fail and to fall
So I could learn how to get up shake the dust off walk and stand tall

Learn how to call on the one who's been there through it all
I remember when I got the phone call
Freshman year in Virginia, my grandfather passed away
Eight years after my grandmother guess he couldn't wait
To see her on the other side at the funeral I cried
So hard I never knew I'd hurt that bad inside
But over time wounds heal and all that's remembered
Is the love that we shared while together forever

This is my story and I wouldn't change a thing
I was put here for a purpose this was written by a King
Was carefully designed, hand-crafted and made
By the One who's never made a mistake
I want to give all it takes from here on out to make up for lost time
But what's done is done and I can't press rewind
And all of my regrets are chasin' me from behind
But the future's unwritten I'm racin' towards the finish line
So from here on out everyday counts
I know Your grace meets me no matter what the amount
Despite that I'm hard-hearted, You gave me a clean slate
And promised that You'd finish what you've started
And even though a four minute long song can barely scratch the surface
It's sure enough to show I'm far from perfect
So thank You for the past, help me live in the present
To prepare me for the future 'til my story ends

U Should Know

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I never thought that I would meet that special someone til
You came along and froze me still
I'm not sure that we were meant to be together yet
I can't stop thinking bout you-u-u-u-u
We both got a lot on our plate and we don't wanna make
A mistake that will take us away from the Way
I'll give you time and space, oh but just in case you didn't notice
I wanted you to know this

You should know how much i love you
It hasn't changed since the moment that we met
Let me remind you i'm crazy about you
In case you ever happen to forget

Never in my life have I felt like this, never knew my heart could melt like this
I'm like an ice cream sundae on a hot sunny summer day I need to find shade
But next to you's where I wanna be, I'm so anxious but true love's worth waitin for so i'm
gone stay patient, i can't ignore this feelin inside but I can control it,
So let's take our time and slowly move forward
Or I will end up way ahead of myself, my heart is on fire I don't want it to melt
You're the type of lady I can already tell, I could lose it all for and still be well
Okay then, let me slow down before I get a little bit ahead of myself and accidentally slip
up and say somethin that I can't take back, well, it might be too late for that so here it is
love

If you're second guessin, lets ask the tough questions
Test this love to see if it's for real
I ain't goin nowhere til' you say it's over
Lets build this love so it can last through storms

Wish That

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Please don't call me anymore
I can't open up that door 'cause it hurts too bad oh
My heart's still wounded and sour it needs time to
Heal and each time you come around it's cut open again
All is fair in love and war
But I'm not strong enough to keep coming back for more
I'll admit it, so we live and so we learn
Thanks for teaching, I'd best be leaving before I wind up dead

Oh how I wish that I could just get back
The piece of my heart that I gave to you oh
Yes I'll admit that I'm still a bit mad
Oh well I guess that's just the way love goes

I hope you don't misunderstand
You deserve a real good man, let's just hope he's strong 'cause
You've been dealt a real good hand and my cards don't
Have enough hearts to play your silly games

Fool me once and shame on you play me twice and I'm the fool
Now I see I moved too fast, wishing I could take it back it's late for that
But I learned from my mistake, I'll never make that mistake again

Old School

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You can imagine how I felt when I heard the news
They said I can't rap and sing but I had to choose WHAT??
I just looked at 'em and started laughin'
I don't think you understand just call me Bo Jackson
If Deion could play two sports at the same time
I'm pretty sure that I can sing and can rhyme
I'm quite confident in my competence
I'm not too concerned with your compliments
If I gotta work twice as hard then so be it
But I'm gonna make this happen whether you believe it or not
These jokers can't even see what I got
The type of killer combo that will make you breathe and stop
Still critics wanna doubt my skill
Stare me down sizin' me up like a value meal
I'm tested and approved dog, value's real
And still I save my best moves like Zoolander saved blue steel

So tired of trying to please everyone, a million different opinions
I'm just going to be myself whether they like it or not, I'm giving it all that I got

They said keep on doin' what you do B
And maybe one day you'll end up in the movies
Maybe I can play Shaggy in Scooby Doo 3 and co-star with Angelina Julie
Oops I meant Jolie okee-dokee
I didn't come just to mess around and make jokes see
I got a mission an agenda and an antidote peep
A contradiction to the message of Oprah Winfrey
Oops, did I just say that out loud? Well there you go now it's out
I won't be in her magazine or on her t.v. show now
But I refused to be duped into believin'
The truth is whatever you choose to believe in
Oh boy here come the protesters
Get out your helmets and your bullet proof vests 'cause
They're comin' for you if you rock the boat
But I'm gonna go against the flow of the status quo 'cause I'm

You can't put me in a box or put me in a genre
I'm gonna work it out like my name was Jane Fonda
I came from the same city as Jeffrey Dahmer
That don't make me crazy you can ask my momma
She raised me to behave and not to 'cause drama
Sorry for this one I had to let 'em have it
The flow's still automatic I told you I'm back at oh
Just call me O.J. I had to take a stab at it
Woa! There's some tongue in cheek
Want beats here you go I make one a week
Put some hot sauce on the top be careful they're spicy
Plus I'm nice with the mic see they like it like Mikey
More flavorful than Hi-C cooler than Ices
Was born two weeks early or I would have been a Pisces
Couldn't have been said more precisely
Better book me now before I get to pricey

I know you are entitled to your own opinion
But that don't mean that you now how to run my business
See I'm a work in progress that is still not finished, I'm still not finished

Rain Down (Brian Reith)

Lord rain down, I can't go on without You
I need you to rain down 'cause I'm so lost without You

From the bottom to the top back down to the bottom
These are the places I've been, my problems
Ain't nothin like the next man but I still got 'em
I want to leave my lot like Lot did to Sodom
But I just can't let go, though ever since the get go
You said so, this is detrimental, so I grab a hold of You

Let everything around me just follow suit
But please help me get these thoughts in line
'Cause I will go crazy without peace of mind
And put me back together one peace at a time
'Cause I'm just a branch and I need the vine
Just lookin' for direction I don't need a sign
You told me if I'd seek I'd find so here I am
On the verge of breakdown but so close to break-through
Fully aware that all it takes is You to just

Rain down, I can't go on without You, I need you to
Rain down, 'cause I'm so lost without You, won't you please just

Rain down on me, as you can see my gas tanks on E
Tires as flat as can be, while my life is passin' me by
Like Pharcyde this is a catastrophe
Plus my soul oh so empty
Dried up, dehydrated, beat up, annihilated
Eyes all dilated still I can't even see
The one thing I need most is right in front of me
Now I'm cravin' a taste of that Living Water
Starvin' for somethin' that this world ain't got to offer
I ought to know by now that face down at your altar
Is the place that I need to start 'cause this bleeding heart
Can only be healed by the One that made it
The One that gave His all to save it, your touch I crave it
So seek through the cracks in my pavement 'cause

Just For You

(Brian Reith copyright 2009)

This one won't be on the radio
If I'm right they'll say it is too slow
This one may not ever make it
Outside these four walls I take it
This one won't be on the radio

But I'm gonna sing it anyway
As if my last breath was today

It's way past due that I write just for You
I've been distracted by what can't compare to You
You're worth every note every struggle and pain, every refrain

The inside of this lonely hotel room
Reminds me of Your cold and empty tomb
The sun shines through the window pane
Reminding me You rose again
Inside of this lonely hotel room

And I'm gonna sing my lonesome song
Remembering You're with me through the storm

Breathe

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This is not the life that I had planned
I'm standing on a patch of sinking sand
The man I thought I once would be is far from where I am
And this pain staking process is wearing me thin again

Come into this broken dream and breathe down on me breathe down on me
Sing yourself through a melody and breathe down on me breathe down on me

I can't remember where it all went wrong
Before I knew it all of me was gone
But when I lost it all that's when my life truly began
And I found myself secure in the palm of your hand again