

Alive

Joe Budden

SLL, parks on the board
Real niggas in the booth, it's gold
I got Kate out on the keys
It go (it go), check this, listen

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I got strangers in my face, begging me to take a picture
Still self-centered, they can give a fuck 'bout how a nigga feel
Bitches hang around to hang around even when shit get real
But I ain't left fo' nothing maybe I should ride a different wheel
They using me I'm using them, they don't see the angle
Therapeutic, I don't even fuck 'em unless it's painful
Why do all these bitches seem to think they can change Joe?
Judge me all ya want I neva claim to be an angel
Patriotic, psychotic, obsessive-compulsive, convulsive, neurotic
On narcotics, searching fo' ya if ya got it
Seeing young blacks getting killed weekly that's a moot fact
If these coppers shoot at me, trust me I'mma shoot back
Maybe y'all will pray fo' me
But I don't mean once or even 2ce, I mean erry day fo' me
So I'm on my knees, there's got to be a betta way fo' me
Open these windows & these do's but demons stay wit me
& baby that's okay wit me

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Fuck wit my heart & now it's killing me
This be enough 2 make a nigga cry
I wish 'em well until this running dry
They won't eva take me alive
All I eva do is survive
& I know cuz they already tried
It's 2 late cuz I've already died
At least inside, they'll neva take me alive

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Lemme get far as fuck away from these niggas
Fuck away from these hoes
Where I'm at now its fuck music I don't wanna rap
I don't wanna perform or host
& my father's saying get it together & nothing matters but my health
Hope heaven reserved a section fo' an addict like myself
Watching myself on TV see my knees shaking on that show
Plus the way shorty's life is now, I bet she's rethinking that no
She thought she was only saying no 2 marriage

But that no is 2 so much mo', now I can't wait 2 see what her path is
I guess being a wife ain't sound as fun as being a bad bitch
Couldn't deal wit my habits, wasn't me tho ya had been catfish
We're speakin' a different language
Showin' ya the signs in Morse Code
Last time a nigga loved two bitches I lost em both
So she scared, try not 2 get emotionally invested
I know God will find a way fo' those emotions 2 get tested
Which is cool, maybe not fo' me
Front all ya want in yo heart somewhere
I know there's a spot fo' me
The sad part is what is vacant now be gone
How I love ya but I hate ya
& all you're doin' is bein' the person that I made ya
From hateful 2 graceful
From rageful 2 grateful
Then God came & snatched that space fo' ya
I tried 2 save it boo
Errrythin' I caught myself buildin' 2 that point was made fo' 2
Writin' out the script, wish ya would have told me the page was full
But fuck it, He knows betta than I
Regret'll subside, let's seva the ties
Afta all it's just one less goodbye

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Lemme get far as fuck away from these bitches, fuck away from these hoes
Lemme get far as fuck away from my niggas
Lemme get real close 2 my foes
They telling me that I got to act famous now, etcetera
I been regular, so I feel like an anus now
See all of this time I've just been treating y'all accordingly
On an even plane like no one is any less or mo' than me
But the Lord agrees he said
Keep playing wit fire, if you're Joseph you'll get burned
I hate second guessin' I'll wait 'til the motives get confirmed
Call from the shorty, we off that bitch, option time
Models, sport sum'
All these cities, I got 2 tour one, all these bottles, I got 2 pour one
All these hoes, I got 2 call one
Our situation is a tall one, what ya gon' do, pour or run?

So I'm spendin' 40 thousand dollas on a time piece
Help my self esteem & get this shit up off my mind please
Anybody lookin' fo' me, y'all know where 2 find me
I be right up Steinway nigga I aint playin' hide 'n seek
Nigga I ain't playin' hide & seek
Let that liquor induce ya & watch how fast it go
From a couple niggas on a hooka 2 sum' triggas 2 them shooters
Errything that's goin' on is kinda sicker than I'm used 2
I'm just wrestlin' wit sum' snakes, ya eva kicked it wit Medusa?
Let me get the fuck away from these pills
The fuck away from this drinkin'
Let me get the fuck away outta my way
Let me get far as fuck away from my thinkin'
Till it's betta, it's whateva, shit I'm unapologetic
Since all i got is my word nigga tell 'em that i said it
It's Joe

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