## **BRACKETS**

## J. Cole

Lotta shit happens, like, being in show business A lot of shit happens, like, like, I make a lot of money, you know And I'm really happy about it And I'm not bragging, I just wanna say something I make a so--- fuck, it's ridiculous But wait, wait a minute, wait a minute Hey, if my father was alive today, I would go home and say "Dad, I wanna tell you how much money I made" You know what he'd say? You's a lying motherfucker Jerome Lewis didn't make that much money Come in here, get your ass out the house Coming here with that bullshit, hah Niggas hating on me, I ain't used to that Know a couple people wanna shoot for that I say "No, no, no, chill, it ain't no need for that" Them niggas tryna blow they don't need me for that And if it work for them, well shit, I'm cool with that 'Cause how they feel, I ain't got shit to do with that I just sit back on cool and watch my paper stack

And trip off how much bread them crackers take from that(Whoa whoa whoa, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah)

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It's been a long time since I have felt this way

About something but now, but now

I'm controlling my mind, the days are warm

The nights are cold, the lost is found, I'm found

Lord knows I need something to fill this void

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Lord knows I need something to fill this voidHell yeah boy, I'm a goddamn millionaire now Hell yeah, nigga, they can't tell me shit now, bro, hell no, fuck that Bitch, got my first motherfuckin' million dollar check nigga

I'm goddamn lit boy, you crazy as hell Hold up, it's my phone real quick, it's my Unc' Uncle Sam and shit

"What's up Unc'? Yup. Hey, I told you that check was coming in, I gotchu when it came in. Goddamn, I'm a man of my word. Goddamn, I told you I'ma have it, and goddamn, I'ma have it for you. Hell, shit, damn right. Now, how much was it though? Uh huh. Huh? Half?

Half nigga? You crazy, boy, you crazy. Bitch,

you crazy as fuck. Bitch, bitch, you better suck half my dick! Yeah, I pay taxes, so much taxes, shit don't make sense

> Where do my dollars go? You see lately, I ain't been convinced I guess they say my dollars supposed to build roads and schools

But my niggas barely graduate, they ain't got the tools Maybe 'cause the tax dollars that I make sure I send

Get spent hirin' some teachers that don't look like them

And the curriculum be tricking them, them dollars I spend

Got us learning about the heroes with the whitest of skin

One thing about the men that's controlling the pen

That write history, they always seem to white-out they sins

Maybe we'll never see a black man in the White House again

I'll write a check to the IRS, my pockets get slim

Damn, do I even have a say 'bout where it's goin'?

Some older nigga told me to start votin'

I said "Democracy is too fuckin' slow"

If I'm givin' y'all this hard-earned bread, I wanna know Better yet, let me decide, bitch, it's 2018

Let me pick the things I'm funding from an app on my screen

Better that than letting wack congressman I've never seen Dictate where my money go,

straight into the palms of some Money-hungry company that make guns

that circulate the country And then wind up in my hood, making bloody clothes

Stray bullet hit a young boy with a snotty nose

From the concrete, he was prolly rose

Now his body froze and nobody knows what to tell his mother

He did good at the white man schools unlike his brother

Who was lost in the streets all day, not using rubbers

So right now, he got two on the way

Still sleep on covers in his mama house

She can't take this shit no more, she want him out

On the morning of the funeral, just as she's walking out

Wiping tears away, grabbing her keys and sunglasses

She remember that she gotta file her taxes, damn(Whoa whoa whoa, yeah, yeah, yeah,

(Whoa whoa whoa, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah)

(Whoa whoa whoa, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah)

(Whoa whoa whoa, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah)

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