Crooked Smile (feat. TLC)

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I'm on my way, on my way, on my way down
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You're the one that was trying to keep me way down
But like the sun know you know I found my way back roundThey tell me I should fix my grill cause I got money now

I ain't gon' sit around and front like I ain't thought about it
A perfect smile is more appealing but it's funny how
My shit is crooked look at how far I done got without it
I keep my twisted grill, just to show them kids it's real
We ain't picture perfect but we worth the picture still
I got smart, I got rich, and I got bitches still
And they all look like my eyebrows: thick as hell
Love yourself, girl, or nobody will
Oh, you a woman? I don't know how you deal
With all the pressure to look impressive and go out in heels
I feel for you

Killing yourself to find a man that'll kill for you
You wake up, put makeup on
Stare in the mirror but its clear that you can't face what's wrong
No need to fix what God already put his paint brush on
Your roommate yelling, "Why you gotta take so long?"
What it's like to have a crooked smile
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On my way, on my way, on my way down You're the one that was trying to keep me way down

But like the sun know you know I found my way back roundTo all the women with the flaws, know it's hard my darling

You wonder why you're lonely and your man's not calling
You keep falling victim cause you're insecure
And when I tell you that you're beautiful you can't be sure
'Cause he don't seem to want you back

And it got you asking
So all you see is what you lacking
Not what you packing

Take it from a man that loves what you got

And baby girl you're a star, don't let 'em tell you you're not

Now is it real? Eyebrows, fingernails, hair

Is it real? if it's not, girl you don't care

Cause what's real is something that the eyes can't see

That the hands can't touch

That them broads can't be, and that's you

Never let 'em see you frown

And if you need a friend to pick you up, I'll be around
And we can ride with the windows down, the music loud
I can tell you ain't laughed in a while
But I wanna see that crooked smile
I'm on my way, on my way, on my way down

On my way, on my way, on my way down

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(You're the one that was trying to keep me way down

Like the sun, I know you know I found my way back round)We don't look nothing like the people on the screen

You know them movie stars, picture perfect beauty queens

But we got dreams and we got the right to chase 'em

Look at the nation, that's a crooked smile braces couldn't even straighten

Seem like half the race is either on probation, or in jail

Wonder why we inhale, cause we in hell already

I asked if my skin pale, would I then sell like Eminem or Adele?

Yo one more time for the 'Ville

And fuck all of that beef shit, nigga let's make a mil

Hey officer man, we don't want nobody getting killed

Just open up that cell, let my brother out of jail

I got money for the bail now, well now

If you asking will I tell now? Hell naw

I ain't snitching cause

Man, they get them niggas stitches now

If you was around, then you wouldn't need a witness now

How you like this crooked smile?I'm on my way, on my way, on my way down

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