

PAID MY DUES

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Clicks, clicks, clicks, they'll do anything to get a few
Tick, tick, tick, that's the sound before my head explodes
Quit, quit, quit, look at you up on your pedestal
Quick, quick, quick, here the critics come, it's time to go I read your article, it kinda hurt me
I don't know who hired you
Or what your friends say in your circle
But the fact that you released it
Tells me two things are for certain
They get paid for trashing people
I get paid 'cause I stay working
Dropped 'The Search' and
They emerge up outta nowhere
To the surface, just to peep behind the curtain
Throwing salt at all my burdens
I'm aware I shouldn't give this my attention
Life's a journey, I should just stay on my path
And learn to laugh, you think they heard me?
Ears are burning, put me out
Quiet, quiet, look around
Why don't they find someone way more
Interesting to write about?
Us, we're kinda boring, aren't we?
All we do is whine and pout
It's confusing, so amusing
How I argue with myself
Hello
I spit it was ease so leave it to me
Doubted, but you better believe
I'm on a rampage, hit 'em, with the record release
Depending the week, I'm probably gonna have to achieve
Another goal, let me go and I'm over the beat
I go into beast mode like I'm ready to feast
I'm fed up with these thieves tryna get me to bleed
They wanna see me take an L, yep, see what I mean?
How many records I gotta give you to get with the program?
Take it for granted, I'm 'bout to give you the whole plan
Open your mind up and take a look at the blueprint
Debate if you gotta, but gotta hold it with both hands
Pick at the bars, you gotta be smart
You really gotta dig in your heart
If you wanna get to the root of an issue
Plus I'm in the middle, could be dark and be difficult

But they pay off at the end if it can help you to get to it
 Paid my dues, made it through
 Spread the news, I'm on the loose
 Make your moves, I need some room
 Though he's cool, well, don't assume, don't assume, ay
 I'm the truth, oh, they want some proof
 Fear it, don't be rude, something new
 Even when I lose, I make it look cool
 Do the show, then we hit the room
 Wife is looking, oh
 What to do? I don't need the shades up to like the view
 It's time to get back in the swing of things
 When my life crashes, I'm not the guy that'll flee the scene
 I'll take ownership and own it and raise my hand if it's me
 Just remember though, I'm only a man, I'm a human being
 Don't the see, shoot the breeze I'd rather just stay discrete
 People claim they're in your corner but leave you in times of need
 They don't listen do they? They don't listen to anything
 I'll accept advice if it's not presented ignorantly
 Look, costs are high, they multiply
 They cause divides are force the fight
 The poison I've been sipping on has quite the bite
 It killed me twice, they rigged the lights
 So y'all could see the parts of mine that aren't too bright
 See, often I apologise and authorise the awful times
 That pop up (Nate) like I'm right behind you
 I'd advise you not to try and climb inside the mind like I do
 Keep the rhyme book expedited, over nighted
 Hold the tide in, hope the time is on my side
 'Cause if it's not then I'll decide to override my own demise
 I toe the lone too close and I can improvise and empathise
 But recognise the fact that I could jeopardise and wreck your lives
 You better give me your attention, the undivided
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