

# Take a Minute

## K'naan

And any man who knows a thing  
knows he knows not a damn, damn thing at all  
And every time I felt the hurtin'  
I felt the givin' gettin' me up off the wall  
I'm just gonna take a minute and let it ride  
I'm just gonna take a minute and let it breathe  
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I'm just gonna take a minute and let it breathe  
How did Mandela get the will to surpass the  
everyday  
when injustice had him caged and trapped in every way?  
How did Gandhi ever withstand the hunger-strikes at all?  
Didn't do it to gain power or money if I recall. It's the gift,  
I guess I'll pass it on, mother thinks it'll lift the stress of Babylon  
mother knows, my mother she suffered blows  
I don't know how we survived such violent episodes  
I was so worried, it hurt to see you bleed,  
but as soon as you came out the hospital you gave me sweets, yea,  
they tried to take you from me, but you still only gave 'em some prayers and sympathy  
Dear Mama, you helped me write this  
by showing me to give is priceless  
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All I can say is, the worst is over now  
we can serve the hard times, divorce it's over now  
They try to keep us out, but they doors is open now  
my nigga Akon is gettin' awards and covers now  
This K'naan, and still reppin' the S  
Comin' out of Muqdisho and still draped in the mess  
And no matter how we strong homie  
It ain't easy comin' out of where we from homey  
and it's the reason why I can never play phoney  
"Tell 'em the truth" is what my dead homies told me, ooh yeah  
I take inspiration from the most heinous of situations  
Creatin' medication out my own tribulations  
Dear Africa, you helped me write this  
by showin' me to give is priceless  
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Nothin' is perfect man, that's what the world is  
all I know is  
I'm enjoyin' today, you know  
'cause it ain't every day that you get to give  
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I'm just gonna take a minute and let it breathe  
(Yeah yeah yeah, yeah yeah yeah) I ain't got  
nothing to complain about  
(Yeah yeah yeah, yeah yeah yeah) You know where I'm from, and you know where I'm at, so  
(Yeah yeah yeah, yeah yeah yeah) I'm just gonna take a minute and let it ride (I'm flying high)  
(Yeah yeah yeah, yeah yeah yeah) I'm just gonna take a minute and let it breathe  
(Yeah yeah yeah, yeah yeah yeah) I'm just gonna take a minute and let it ride (Peace)  
(Yeah yeah yeah, yeah yeah yeah) I'm just gonna take a minute and let it breathe

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