

A Ballad For the Fallen Soldier (feat. DJ Clue)

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This here's a ballad for all the fallen soldiers
I'ma 'bout ta show you how a hustlers life
(This is life, man)
And a soldier's life, parallel
And the one thing they got in common is pain
(Forget about me for a second)Picture split screen
On one side we got a hustler
Getting ready for the block
(Human beings)Other side you got the soldier
Getting ready for boot camp
(Soldiers)
They're both at war
(This is life)
Stay with us
Did you ever notice, before you think, life goes fast?
So don't you worry about what you see, it will passYou lost him mama, the war's callin' him
Feel it's his duty to fall in line with all of them, he's a soldier
Rose through the ranks as the head of your household
Now its time to provide bank, like he's supposed taNow just remember while he's going to
November
There's part of him growing up
His shirts soaks up your tears as he holds ya
Your heart beatin' so fast speeding his pulse upYeah, I know it sucks, life ain't a rosebud
A couple of speed bumps, you gotta take your lumps
Off to boot camp, the worlds facing terror
Bin Laden been happenin' in ManhattanCrack was anthrax back then, back when
Police was Al Qaeda to black men
While I was out there hustling sinning with no religion
He was off the wall killing for a living
Did you ever notice, before you think, life goes fast
So don't you worry about what you see, it will passDays turn to nights, nights turn to years
Years turn to, 'How the fuck we make it in here?'
My barracks average couple fights a day
Get you locked in a hole wont see the light of dayAnd I feel like I'm just writing my life away
I never thought shit could end up quite this way
There's a war going on outside no man is safe from
I'm here for the good fight only the fakes run
I'm here for the purple heart, if I cant take oneFor my team or my siblings what's my reason for
living?
I love my niggaz more then anything else
This war's about my family, me needin' the wealth
You don't understand how useless as men we feltTill you become a 5 star general

Shout out to my niggaz that's locked in jail
P.O.W.'s that's still in the war for real
Did you ever notice, before you think, life goes fast
So don't you worry about what you see, it will pass
Your baby boy is getting grown
So your baby boy is moving on
I've gotta chase
(Gotta chase it)
If I'm gonna make it
(Gonna make it)
Your baby boy is getting grown
So your baby boy is moving on
I'm gonna make it
Even if I gotta take it
(Gotta take it)
Mama said pray your sons becoming a man
This wars taxin' to 'em like Uncle Sam
He ain't gon' always make the right choice, understand
Every choice that he make he makes it for his fam
It's death before dishonor
And if hes gone you should honor his memory
Don't cry we all gonna die eventually
But if he's locked in the penitentiary
Send him some energy, they all winners to me
(What's up, kid?)
Did you ever notice, before you think, life goes fast
So don't you worry about what you see, it will pass

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