

# Dedication (feat. Kendrick Lamar)

## Nipsey Hussle

[Verse 1: Nipsey Hussle]

Look, my nigga this is dedication, this is anti-hesitation  
This a real nigga celebration, this a don blonde declaration  
Fifty-Ninth and Fifth Ave, granny's house with vanilla wafers  
This the remedy, the separation, 2Pac of my generation  
Blue pill in the fuckin' Matrix, red rose in the gray pavement  
Young black nigga trapped and he can't change it  
Know he a genius, he just can't claim it  
'Cause they left him no platforms to explain it  
He frustrated so he get faded  
But deep down inside he know you can't fade him  
How long should I stay dedicated?  
How long 'til opportunity meet preparation?  
I need some real nigga reparations  
'Fore I run up in your bank just for recreation [Chorus: Nipsey Hussle]  
Dedication, hard work plus patience  
The sum of all my sacrifice, I'm done waitin'  
I'm done waitin', told you that I wasn't playin'  
Now you hear what I been sayin', dedication  
It's dedication, look

[Verse 2: Kendrick Lamar]

I spent my whole life thinkin' out the box  
Boxin' homies three on one, got DP'ed but I ain't drop  
Chirp on me, here I come, brrrt, spin around the block  
They blurped on me, said I ran a stop sign but that's a lie  
I spent my whole life staring at the stage  
Playin' Sega, daddy smokin' sherm, mama playin' spades  
Catchin' vapors, grandma said I'd get some Jordans for my grades  
That's my baby when she died my heart broke a hundred ways  
I spent my whole life tryna make it, tryna chase it  
The cycle of a black man divided, tryna break it  
You take a loss, shit don't cry about it, just embrace it  
Minor setback for major comeback, that's my favorite  
My nigga L said you do a song with Nip, K. Dot he a better crip  
I said he a man first, you hear the words out his lips?  
About flourishing from the streets to black businesses?  
Level four, yard livin' and give in to false imprisonment  
Listen close my nigga, it's bigger than deuces and fours my nigga  
Since elementary we close my nigga, yeah, straight like that  
I give you the game, go back to the turf and give it right back  
For generations we been dealt bad hands with bad plans  
Prove your dedication by hoppin' out Grand Am's

I'm at the premiere politickin' with Top, Nip, and Snoop  
Damn, Pac watchin' the way we grew, from dedication  
[Interlude: Kendrick Lamar]

If it ain't congratulate then it look like hate  
If it ain't congratulate then it look like what, Nipsey?

Hol' up! [Verse 3: Nipsey Hussle]

This ain't entertainment, it's for niggas on the slave ship  
These songs just the spirituals I swam against them waves wit  
Ended up on shore to their amazement  
I hope the example I set's not contagious  
Lock us behind gates but can't tame us  
Used to be stay safe, now it's stay dangerous  
'Cause ain't no point in playin' defense nigga  
That's why I dove off the deep end nigga, without a life jacket  
Couple mil, tour the world, now my life crackin'  
Cook the books, bring it back so it's no taxes  
Royalties, publishing, plus I own masters  
I'll be damned if I slave for some white crackers  
I was mappin' this out, I hit the heights backwards  
Hoppin' out the eighty-five in Reebok classics  
Ran a couple marathons just to get established  
To make it happen, you got to have it [Chorus: Nipsey Hussle]  
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I'm done waitin', told you that I wasn't playin'  
Now you hear what I been sayin', dedication  
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