

Castle Walls (feat. Christina Aguilera)

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Everyone thinks that I have it all
But it's so empty living behind these castle walls
These castle walls
If I should tumble if I should fall
Would any one hear me screaming behind these castle walls
There's no-one here at all, behind these castle walls
Observing the estate through the gate from the outside looking in
Bet you would think I got it made, better look again
I got butler, got a maid, and a mansion
The belief is that I'm living out a millionaires fantasy
With phantoms and Ferrari's in the driveway
But you see the pain and the change of the sane man's sanity
Your vision jaded by the grammy's on the mantelpiece
Just switch your camera lenses you would see the agony
Apparently it's damaging the man you see before you
On the canvas he may seem alright but all the disadvantages his family
Encounters overshadows his extravagance
Walk in my nikes while I dare you woulda scare you
While it really seem like the kings life's ain't glamorous
As seen through the eyes of untrained amateurs
Because the camera don't see beyond the walls of the smiles
Only counts until it falls in the pile
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Honestly to me, I think I'd lose every benefit of all that I've accomplished
If my kids never went through shit
Me knowing this, why should the verses I have laid
Be more important to me than the persons I have raised
I guess I'm saying that to say that opportunity
But they just don't equate to all the time they take away
From the kids all the shit I did right is a mistake
If deyjah end up a stripper and major slinging yay
How could I ever consider myself a great
If messiah ain't paid and nique nique ain't straight
Would your favorite song about the whips, money and shit
Be relevant if you found out, the money wasn't real, nope
So me being the goat shouldn't mean more to me
Than see it to a king though
From a bad ass kid to man with some dough
Otherwise I may well have stayed poor

So while they stay focused on me beefin with flip
 Shawty low, Gucci or Ludacris
 Or if I'm fucking with a hoe
 Did I snitch when I got arrested or will I die over nonsense
 Internally I'm dealing with this conflict
 So excuse me if I don't get the chance to kiss the hand
 that slap me in the face, ay I'm just a man
 If they saying I ain't the best at making hit records
 It's cause this my life these ain't just rapping
 shit, you think of that deep, did ya dawg
 See you can't see the castle through the walls till it falls
 Bitch ain't thinking with the deep, did ya dog
 Cause see you can't see the castle through the walls till it falls Everyone thinks that I have it all
 But it's so empty living behind these castle walls
 These castle walls
 If I should tumble if I should fall
 Would any one hear me screaming behind these castle walls
 There's no-one here at all, behind these castle walls Nobody knows I'm all alone
 Living in this castle made of stone
 They say that money is freedom but I feel trapped inside it all
 And while I sit so high up on a throne
 I wonder how I can feel this low
 On top of the world is beautiful
 But there's no place to fall For the record ay, I give a damn if I never said shit again
 My career was meant for me to come and tell it
 Honest interpretation of how affected I'm faced with
 Matters most rappers used to keep locked away in the basement
 The day that I walk away that I ain't saying that I'm amazing
 Down playing the way I keep fellas from catching cases
 Won't take into consideration how much it mean what I'm saying
 And when I say what I mean even when I'm surrounded by the fakers
 From one of the greatest centers, blessed with most of God's graces
 Who made his way amongst the greatest from the grimiest places
 So next time you rating royalty, I'm always being given to recordings than the level
 Of your loyalty, obvious you've been ignoring me
 Who else ya seen make it through the storm, unharmed disjointed
 While all the critics was looking for prince charming
 Disregarded the king of the south raised doubt
 Even though he made a castle out of used to be a house
 He did shit that all your favorites rappers only rap about
 But most of y'all don't see the castle through the walls
 And the smiles till it falls in piles so while... Everyone thinks that I have it all
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