

# 8 Mile

## Eminem

Sometimes I just feel like, quittin' I still might  
Why do I put up this fight, why do I still write  
Sometimes it's hard enough just dealin' with real life  
Sometimes I wanna jump on stage and just kill mics  
And show these people what my level of  
skill's like

But I'm still white, sometimes I just hate life  
Somethin ain't right, hit the brake lights  
Case of the stage fright, drawin a blank like  
Da-duh-duh-da-da, it ain't my fault  
Great big eyeballs, my insides crawl  
And I clam up I just slam shut  
I just can't do it, my whole manhood's  
Just been stripped, I have just been vicked  
So I must then get, off the bus then split  
Man fuck this shit; yo, I'm goin' the fuck home  
World on my shoulders as I run back to this 8 Mile Road  
I'm a man, I'mma make a new plan  
Time for me to just stand up, and travel new land  
Time to really just take matters into my own hands  
Once I'm over these tracks man I'mma never look back  
(8 Mile Road) And I'm gone, I know right where I'm goin'

Sorry momma I'm grown, I must travel alone  
Ain't gon' follow the footsteps I'm makin' my own  
Only way that I know how to escape from this 8 Mile Road  
I'm walkin' these train tracks, tryin'  
to regain back

The spirit I had 'fore I go back to the same crap  
To the same plant, in the same pants  
Tryin' to chase rap, gotta move ASAP  
And get a new plan, momma's got a new man  
Poor little  
baby sister, she don't understand

Sits in front of the TV, buries her nose in the pad  
And just colors until the crayon gets dull in  
her hand

While she colors her big brother and mother and dad  
Ain't no tellin' what really goes on in her little head  
Wish I could be the daddy that neither one of us had  
But I keep runnin' from somethin' I never wanted so bad!  
Sometimes I get upset, cause I ain't blew up yet  
It's like I grew up, but I ain't grow me two nuts yet  
Don't gotta rep my step, don't got enough pep  
The pressure's too much man, I'm just tryin' to do what's best  
And I try, sit alone and I cry

Yo I won't tell no lie, not a moment goes by  
That I don't pray to the sky, please I'm beggin' you God  
Please don't let me be pigeonholed in no regular job  
Yo I hope you can hear me homey wherever you are

Yo I'm tellin' you dawg I'm bailin' this trailer tomorrow  
Tell my mother I love her, kiss baby sister goodbye Say whenever you need me baby, I'm never  
too far

But yo I gotta get out there, the only way I know  
And I'mma be back for you, the second that I blow  
On everything I own, I'll make it on my own  
Off to work I go, back to this 8 Mile Road  
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You gotta live it to feel it, you didn't you wouldn't get it  
Or see what the big deal is, why it was and it still is  
To be walkin this borderline of Detroit city limits  
It's different, it's a certain significance, a certificate  
Of authenticity, you'd never even see  
But it's everything to me, it's my credibility  
You never seen heard smelled or met a real MC  
Who's incredible upon the same pedestal as me  
But yet I'm still unsigned, havin' a rough time  
Sit on the porch with all my friends and kick dumb rhymes  
Go to work and serve MCs in the lunchline  
But when it comes crunch time, where do my punchlines go?  
Who must I show, to bust my flow?  
Where must I go? Who must I know?  
Or am I just another crab in the bucket?  
Cause I ain't havin' no luck with this little Rabbit so fuck it  
Maybe I need a new outlet, I'm startin to doubt shit  
I'm feelin' a little skeptical who I hang out with  
I look like a bum, yo my clothes ain't about shit  
At the Salvation Army tryin to salvage an outfit  
And it's cold, tryin' to travel this road  
Plus I feel like I'm on stuck in this battlin mode  
My defenses are so up, but one thing I don't want  
Is pity from no one, the city is no fun  
There is no sun, and it's so dark  
Sometimes I feel like I'm just bein' pulled apart  
From each one of my limbs, by each one of my friends  
It's enough to just make me wanna jump out of my skin  
Sometimes I feel like a robot, sometimes I just know not  
What I'm doin I just blow, my head is a stove top  
I just explode, the kettle gets so hot  
Sometimes my mouth just overloads the ass that I don't got  
But I've learned, it's time for me to U-turn  
Yo it only takes one time for me to get burned  
Ain't no fallin' no next time I meet a new girl

I can no longer play stupid or be immature  
I got every ingredient, all I need is the courage  
Like I already got the beat, all I need is the words  
Got the urge, suddenly it's a surge  
Suddenly a new burst of energy has occurred  
Time to show these free world leaders the 3 and a third  
I am no longer scared now, I'm free as a bird  
Then I turn and cross over the median curb  
Hit the 'burbs and all you see is a blur from 8 Mile Road  
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