

Kanye West f/ Papoose, Tre Williams "Hey Mama"

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[Intro: Kanye West]

I want everybody to put they hands together for me
I want to talk about somebody real special tonight
(whoooooaaaa)
Ok, come on

[Chorus: Kanye West]

Hey Mama, ahhhhhhhhhhh, I wanna scream so loud for
you
Cause I'm so proud of you, let me tell you what I'm
about to do (hey Mama)
I know I act a fool, but I promise you I'm going back to
school
I appreciate what you allowed for me, and I, I just want
you to be proud of me (hey Mama)

[Verse 1: Kanye West]

I wanna tell the whole world about a friend of mine
This little light of mine, I'm feelin' let it shine
I'm feelin' take y'all back to them better times
I'm feelin' talk about my mama if y'all don't mind (hey
Mama)
I was three years old when you and I move to the Chi
Late December, harsh winter gave me a cold
You fix me up something that was good for my soul
Famous home chicken soup, can I have another bowl
(hey Mama)
You work late nights just to keep on the lights
Mommy got me training wheels so I can keep on my
bike
And you would give me anything in this world
Michael Jackson leather and the glove, but didn't give
me a curl (hey Mama)
And you never put no man over me, and I LOVE you for
that Mommy can't you see?
Seven years old, caught you with tears in your eyes
'Cause a nigga cheatin', tellin' you lies, then I started to
cry (hey Mama)
As we knelt on the kitchen floor
I said, "Mommy, I'ma love you 'til you don't HURT no
more!"

And when I'm older, you ain't gotta WORK no more
And I'ma get you that mansion that we couldn't afford
(hey Mama)
See your unbreakable, unmistakable, highly capable,
lady that's making loot
A living legend too, just look at what Heaven do, sent
us an angel, and I thank you

[Chorus: Tre Williams, (Kanye West)]
(Hey Mama), Oh your son done turned into a man living
life
From the lesson straight from the palm of yo' hand
(hey Mama)
And I know well that my words - they just ain't strong
enough
If I had to pay for yo' love, my money ain't long
enough!

[Verse 2: Papoose]
It's only 60 seconds in a minute, 24 hours in a day
The sun rises, the sun sets & goes away
"How this day went so fast?" is what I thought
Only 12 months in a year - life is short
Before my time is up, you know what I'ma do?
Take this time out to say, "I love you"
'Cause right after you finished raisin' all ya kids
You turned right around & raised foster kids
We was the first ones in the 'hood with bunk beds
Popped me in my mouth for somethin' I shouldn't said
& when I caught that case, ya face turned red
You picked me up from the precinct - I was a
knucklehead
You told me when I frowned up my face & pout
"I brought you in this world, boy, I'll take you out"
Daddy's stressin' you out? You tired of the drama?
Divorce that fool - I'll marry you, Mama

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