

## **Andre 3000**

## "A Day In The Life Of Benjamin Andre"

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I met you in a club in Atlanta Georgia

Said me and my homeboy were coming out with an album

You looked at me like yeah nigga right

But you gave me you number anyway you were on the talcum

Powder, how's about them oranges

Moved away from home to school with big plans

By day, studied the history of music

By night, just to pay for that shit, you'd dance

To get your pants was a mission impossible

We were both the same age but I

Suppose wasn't on the same page but in

The same book of life so I'd paged you when

I felt you that were getting off of work

Or either when you're on your way to school

We starting hanging like Ernie and Bert

And in my idle head I'm thinking cool

Just when I think I'm going down your shirt

You're hiking up your skirt now

The events that followed had me volley if your

hometown would be

Heaven or hell

The angelic nastiness you possessed made you by far the best

Therefore hard to tell

You'd dropped me off by the dungeon

Never came in, but I knew that you were wondering

Now are these niggaz in this house up to something

Selling crack sack by sacks so they could function?

Well, yes and no

Yes we were selling it

But no it wasn't blow

Cook it in the basement then move it at a show

Then grab the microphone and everybody yelled "ho"

Meanwhile the video starts playing

BET college radio and a van

Packed full of niggaz with a blunt in their hand

And one in their ear

You know what I'm saying

But, I kept your number in my old phone

Got a new chip flip with the roam roam

So it took me a minute to retrieve seven digits

But I promised I would call you when I got home

But, when I got home I never did

By the time I did, heard that you had a kid

By some nigga in Decatur

Who replied see you later when he got the good news, that's life shit

Now, I'm nineteen with a Cadillac

My nigga had a Lex with the gold pack

Got a plaque but I'm living with my pop pop

So I got glock and a low jack

You kinda fast for that fella in class who used to draw

And never said much 'cause half of what he saw

Was so far from that place you wanna be

That words only fucked it up more follow me

Are you starting to gather what I'm getting at?

Now if I'm losing you tell me then I'll double back

But keep in mind, at the time "keep it real" was the phrase

Silly once said now, but those were the days

When spring break

And Daytona

And Freakniks

Made you wanna

Drop out of college and never go back

Move to the south but that ain't a Kodak

Moment, on went myself and big boi

Well you knew him as Twan

That's right you were around before this shit begun

When Twan had a daughter and

Sort of was made to mature before the first tour

We hit the road like jack

Laughed and cried and drived it back with some Yak

Girls used to say, y'all talk funny, y'all from the

islands?

And I'd Laughed and they just keep smiling

No, I'm from Atlanta baby

He from Savannah, maybe

We should hook up and get tore up and then lay down

ney we

Got to go because the bus is pulling out in 30 minutes

She's playing tennis disturbing the tenants

15-love

Fit like glove

Description is like

15 doves

In a Jacuzzi catching the Holy Ghost

Making one woozy in the head and comatose, agree?

Enough about me

How's about you?

How's the lil' kid?

She was about 2 the last time we spoke

I hadn't smoked or took a shot of drink

Cause I'd start the 2nd album off on another note

Now, that note threw some niggaz in the hood off

But see I'd balled out, and before I fall out

I'd Slow my Lac down to a nice speed

The brain is that fried egg I might need

New direction was apparent

I was a child looking at the floor staring

So changing my style was like release for the primitive beast

Yes I was on the rise, yeast was the street

To make bread-Never primary concern

Just to hop on these beats and wait my turn

I'd meet muslims, ganstas, bitches,

rastas, and macoroni niggaz - imposters

So on a trip to New York on some beeswax

I get invited to a club where emcees at

And on stage is a singer with some thing on her head

Similar to the turban that I covered up my dredz with

Which I was rocking at the time

When I was going through them phases trying to find

Anything that seemed real in the world

Still searching, but I started liking this girl

Now you know her

As Erykah on and on Badu

Call Tyrone on the phone why you

Do that girl like that boy you ought to be ashamed

The song wasn't about me and that ain't my name

We're young, in love, in short we had fun

No regrets no abortion, had a son

By the name of Seven

And he's five

By the time I do this mix, he'll probably be six

You do the arithmetic

Me do the language arts

Y'all stand against the wall blindfolded me throw the darts

To poke you in the heart

And take you from the start

To one luxury transportation and a Marta card

Or either when your girlfriend that went to Mays

Momma or her daddy let her borrow the Benz because she's smart

Or maybe if your neighbor does you a huge favor

And he sells you that rabbit that's been sitting in his yard

You fix it up.. you trick it out.. you give it rims.. you give it bump

You give it all your time because that's all you can think

about ...And that's as far as I got

## [Dialogue]

And that's as far as I got, and where I wanted to go knowing the whole time that's all you could think about even though if you cut it off and start that bitch up you need a jump like you'll need in your rump to grow and you change all the time so that rabbit that you thought about that whole summer, the next summer you didn't want that rabbit no more you wanted something bigger and better

So the summer past and the rabbit is old?

Right, right, so now you want a Cadillac...

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