

Bette Midler

"The Message"

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[Dr. Dre]

This one is for my brother, Tyree, R.I.P.

.. {*Mary J. Blige sings in the background*} ..

A message to God

.. {*Mary J. Blige sings in the background*} ..

[Dr. Dre]

Since you finishin em early, what possessed you to start him?

We made a vow - later we'll regret til death do us part

Lord, I thought we was made for each other

You shouldn't connect those, made to be taken away from each other

Now what I'm supposed to do? I'm only half the man that I was

I'll never last, cause my better half is up there with you

You knew what you was doin when you made us; so with all due respect

you coulda forgave him, you didn't have to take him

He can take the game with him, cause he defines the word

The one who puts the G in it, who you think put me in it?

I'm feelin like my whole world is blinded - wonderin why

Cryin, pourin out my heart, pourin out liquor behind it

We fought like brothers, somethin we never should do

We coulda used time spent arguin tellin the truth

He had talent too - I had plans on watchin him grow

Don't know what hurts more - seein him leave, or

watchin him go

[Mary J. Blige]

Listen listen listen.. (listen) whoahh (listen)

Listen listen listen.. (better listen) whoahh-oahhh-oahhh

Listen listen listen.. {*harmonizing*}

Listen.. mmm-mmm-mmm

[ReII] + {Mary}

If you wanna know why.. {why I live my life}

The way that I do.. {cause I got to get this money}

So don't worry about me.. {cause I know my way around}

I'm just hustlin everyday, runnin this race, makin this paper

[Dr. Dre]

Youse a soldier, you're probably packin heat up there
Met up with homies from the street, and got deep up there

If you only knew the way I felt before they ruined the crew

I thought I learned from Eazy, now I'm goin through it with you

We lost a thug, a son, and a father

I spoke to your son, the other day, and told him Uncle Dre got him

The Lord must be accidentally pulling your file
cause I'm still paging you, 911, straight in denial
Prayin you get it, but no man can choose the card he was dealt

You either quit, or you gon' play it like you get it

I done been through all emotions, from in shock, to keepin a poker face

to straight breakin down and showin all emotions

I'm anxious to believe in real G's don't cry

If that's the truth, then I'm realizin I ain't no gangsta

It's just not me, but you know I'ma always ride wit you

I miss you, sometimes I wish I just died wit you

[Mary J. Blige]

Listen listen listen.. (listen) whoahh (listen)

Listen listen listen.. whoahh-oahhh-oahhh

Listen listen listen.. {*harmonizing*}

Listen.. eyy-eyy-eyy-yeah-yeahh

[Rell] + {Mary}

If you wanna know why.. {why I live my life}

The way that I do.. {cause I got to get this money}

So don't worry about me.. {don't worry, don't worry worry}

I'm just hustlin everyday, runnin this race, makin this paper

[Mary J. Blige]

yeah, yeah, ahhh-oooh-oahahahhhhh.. listen..

mmmmmmmmhmmhmmmmmm..

if you don't know why I.. you gotta listen up right now

lis-ten, lis-ten, lis-ten, lis-ten..

oooooooooh... oahahooooohhh ooooha ohhhhh

lis-ten, lis-ten

ahhhowooooo yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah, yeah yeah

yeah

yeah-ehh-yeah, yeah-ooeoooooh

yahhooooohahhooooh listen
lis-ten, children lis-ten
I'm tryin to tell you somethin good
Don't get caught up in the hood
Yeahhh-hah, yeahhh-hah, aooooooh
if you don't know why..
you gotta find out the reason why..
brother.. brother..

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