

Brother Ali

"All You Need"

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So I never told the world that the first time I toured
I came home to find that little man had been ignored
Two years old got a hold of water you had boiled
And burned his little head and his face while you
snored
You were afraid of bringing him to the hospital
â€˜Cause two weeks ago your mom called the cops on
you
Child protection paid a visit
Ruled that the crib was unfit to raise kids in
Iâ€™m working ten hour days at the gig then
You were unemployed all null and void
Now I ainâ€™t trying to be no Sigmund Freud
But ainâ€™t you supposed to have instincts when it
comes to the boy
I called a cab a brought him to county hospital
They shaved the hair and burnt flesh off his skull
Held him overnight to fight infection
I slept sitting up in a chair directly next to him
I just knew you would join us but instead
Hopped your ass on the bus went home and went to
bed
Thatâ€™s the very moment I divorced you in my head
God might forgive you for that I never did
All you need right now
Faheem we can see the throne from here
I may never sit there but brother youâ€™re the heir
Pull up a chair let pop bend your ear
Here baby dry those tears
I know you wonder why your mother does the things
that she do
Well itâ€™s not because she doesnâ€™t love you
Itâ€™s because she grew up in something they call
foster care
Thatâ€™s when strangers raise you your momâ€™s
not there
Imagine how she felt when she was your age
Going from place to place never feeling safe
Never having love never having faith
She probably thought the world was a big scary place
Where was her mommy at well thatâ€™s kind of sad

She used drugs to forget the problems she had
There was a new one back then they called crack
Once you try it there was almost no coming back
She couldn't be the mommy she wanted to be
She was chasing a high all in the street
Won't tell you no lie real is all I can be
I believe only truth can set you free
There's a whole lot of pain in your bloodline
But there's a whole lot of strength in the sunshine
Lean back let the new day greet you
Cause you're standing on the shoulders of a
people
Who been beat down and treated unequal
But the prayer that they made now has reached you
It's plain to see it's true
Beautiful prince I wish they could see you
All you need right now

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