

Brother Ali

"Rain Water"

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"A question was raised to me the other day
Why I seem to always have joy
Well I'd like to take time to set the record straight"
"all the joy ive ever known has disappeared"
In the motherfuckin thin air
Like it's never even been there
My joy done left me ya'll
Shit, I'll never hang my head though
Gods rain water flows threw the same gutter that we
walk today
Gotta stay brave brother, keep your lip stiff, keep your
fist clenched
At times you gotta kick your way threw this bitch
And I can't stop feeling guilty smiling
A wise man once told me that every cloud has a silver
lining
I wanted to believe him, but it's a trick to find em
When the people around me continue dying
Granddad was in the twilight of his life
When he closed his eyes tight and opened his wrists
wide
What make a 10th round fighter with a winning score
Decide he need to throw a towel fore the whistle blow
Maybe I'll never know
But I inherited his poetic soul so symbolisms yet to
show
Was life so obscene that deaths most serene
Or was an old author trying to write his own closing
scene
Nothing stings like, knowing that the woman that gave
me this life
Is being eaten from the inside, I thought wed never
make shit right
I wish I'd viewed it once clear fore you were done here
That's two in one year that I let leave here
Loving me without shedding one single tear
Either Im one of the strongest people left
Or yall should stone me for even trying to steal breath
And Gods rain water flows threw the same gutter that
we walk today
Gotta stay brave brother, keep your lip stiff, keep your
fist clenched

At times you gotta kick your way threw this bitch[x2]
They say shits bad for you, all by yourself aintcha?
Damn straight, I got a jail cell nature
Been boxed up but I never been settled in
Him got tough started developing leather skin
I learned to make that face that tells predators
Its better to reassess just who you're bout to wrestle
with
Im on one like the first kick drum of the beat
Clear my lungs, spit blood on the street
They telling me we got nothing to fear but fear itself
But I fear I have no human fear left
Some day Im gonna want to peel back these calluses
And really feel life again, and that's where my
challenge is
I been kicking and biting for so long
And when they throw me a rescue rope I'll be too weary
to hold on and see the light
So I sing through the tears and the key of life the way a
wounded ego might
And Gods rain water flows threw the same gutter that
we walk today
Gotta stay brave brother, keep your lip stiff, keep your
fist clenched
At times you gotta kick your way threw this bitch[x2]
My joy done left me yall
She don't show her face around these parts
Every time she comes she gets chased off
So she stays distant
If it werent for me squinting, he wouldn't know the sun
was out
I hate every word that come out of his fucking mouth
Ladies treat him special, don't know nothing bout him
They saw what his wife see, they wouldn't fuss about
him
He can't do shit right but rap and make babies
And babies need daddy at home consistent
But rap keep daddy on the road religious
So even in my true loves, my souls so conflicted
My son came into this world innocent
He deserves everything that he needs to live in it
And this home I made for him is broken
Im hoping his love for me will never grow thin
It hurts daddy to no end and no when
Youre crying at the hospital Im out trying to rock a show
I made a vow that wed never be broke again
And I'd never be a burden on another friend
So when I sweat it on my farewell stage
And wrote my last hook in my last rhyme book
When I get the last nod of approval from my family
This is the man that I have to be

And Gods rain water flows threw the same gutter that
we walk today
Gotta stay brave brother, keep your lip stiff, keep your
fist clenched
At times you gotta kick your way threw this bitch[x4]
"Sometimes
I feel like I'm almost gone
Sometimes
I feel like I'm almost gone
You ever felt that way"

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