

## Brother Ali "The Puzzle"

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Who's to blame for the state I'm in  
I play my cards but somehow I can't win

[Verse 1]

Listen when life leaves you beaten up  
Don't lay around in it, hurry pick them pieces up  
Cling closely to the people you love  
they're your umbrella when the weathers tough  
See to it that your head is up  
If not just remember this  
just never let your chest and your chin touch in public  
Those that stand against us would love this  
Man fuck them, something's bugging em'  
they feel inadequate or something and that's been dug  
in em'  
So deep they can't stand someone else making shit  
Player hatred, same concept created Satan  
Play em, no never mind let em play their part  
They're here to make us prove we are what we say we  
are  
We say we are the hard hearted  
been discarded from everything we've ever been part  
of  
They just robbed it  
Unguarded, tormented and tortured  
and got nothing but scars and grey hairs to show for it  
Fuck that, every stone that's ever been cast or blow that  
ever landed  
Helped to build that man that's standing before your  
bitch ass  
and back to wreak havoc and never retired, retreated  
or recanted  
I, don't expect you to have stood where I'm standing  
Why, respect is the only thing I'm demanding  
Try, you and I could build this understanding  
You can't honestly shake unless you know where my  
hand's been brother

[Chorus]

This is a piece of my puzzle now  
Through the years I found peace in my struggle now  
If we were put here to carry a great weight

The very things we hate are here to build those  
muscles  
This is a piece of my puzzle now  
Through the years I found peace in my struggle now  
(Who'se to blame for the state I'm in - Yours truly  
I play my cards but somehow I can't win)

[Verse 2]

Listen I was taught that mistakes made with great  
intentions  
were never sins but where life lessons begin  
Now that I'm 27, single father starting over yet again  
I am who I have to forgive  
Lost my mumma to cancer, closed a 10 year chapter  
shortly after  
Can't deny that was some shit  
Alone in this life would've been at my throat with a knife  
chop  
were it not for my passion to live  
Follow my soul, not that I don't know the penalty  
But that's the legacy that I pass to my kids  
Heard of shining in the heat of the moment  
and won my freedom the moment I realised that's what  
this...

[Chorus]

[Bridge] {X2}

I can't believe my eyes Lord  
I don't know what I'm seeing  
I done watched them smash into little pieces  
everything I've been building  
I can't believe my ears Lord  
I don't know what I'm hearing  
I heard they smash into little pieces everything I've  
been building

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-"Zeta" Pi Lambda Phi Alpha Psi

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