

## Beanie Sigel

### "This Can't Be Life"

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Geah, whassup?  
Where's all my street niggaz, project niggaz  
Real niggaz, worldwide  
Let's reflect, e'rybody got a story  
We all ghetto B, here's mine  
Geah

See I was born in sewage, born to make bomb music  
Flow tight like I was born Jewish  
Used the streets as a conduit, I kept arms  
38 longs inside my mom's Buick  
At any given moment Shawn could lose it, be on the  
news  
Iron cuffs, arms through it or stuffed with embalmin'  
fluid  
Shit, I'm goin' through it, mom dukes too  
Tears streamin' down her pretty face, she got her  
palms to it

My life is gettin' too wild  
I need to bring some sort kinda calm to it  
Bout to lose it, voices screamin', "Don't do it!"  
It's like '93, '94, 'bout the year that Big and Mag  
dropped  
And "Illmatic" rocked  
Outta every rag drop, and the West had it locked  
Everybody doin' 'em, I'm still scratchin' on the block  
Like "Damn, I'ma be a failure"

Surrounded by thugs, drugs, and drug, paraphenalia  
Cops courts, and their thoughts is to derail us  
Three time felons in shorts with jealous thoughts  
Tryin' figure where your mail is, guesstimate the  
weight you sellin'  
So they can send shots straight to your melon, wait!  
It gets worse, baby momma water burst  
Baby came out stillborn, still I gotta move on  
Though my heart still torn, life gone from her womb  
Don't worry, if it was meant to be, it'll be soon

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Chill dog

Second oldest born, from Michelle Brown my mother  
Hell bound, grew with two sisters and one brother  
Pop wasn't around, so many stories that's another  
I'm thinkin' damn, how my older sister gon' make me  
tougher  
When steel sharpens steel, I'ma keep it real  
I'm tired of tryin' to hide my pain behind the syrups and  
pills  
Dead to the world, stretched out like a corpse for real  
Y'all niggaz thinkin' what y'all readin' in The Source is  
real

What my life like, you lookin' at the source, it's real  
What your life like? Mine dog, of course it's real  
Passin judgment, you niggaz second-guessin' Beans  
'Cause you don't eat swine don't make you Amin  
Dog you know a couple suras, out the Qur'an  
I guess you all on your din and I ain't on mine  
Stop that Akki, 'fore I send shots though your body  
Make 'em feel feel hell on earth before Allah drop thee

I feel the line's drawn here, nuttin' more can stop me  
Till them feds pick me up, or them boys pop me  
There's only three things that make Mac not act like  
Beans  
Amatullah Tisha, Po Aldin, Samir Amin  
My seeds dog, gotta teach 'em that before I leave dog  
Shit I know that I'ma see 'em when I leave dog  
I come back in the afterlife  
Like fuck it I done touched hell twice, what's the  
meanin'?

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Now as I walk into the studio, to do this with Jig'  
I got a phone call from one of my nigs  
Said my homeboy Reek, he just lost one of his kids  
And when I heard that I just broke into tears  
And see in the second hand, you don't really know how

this is  
But when it hits that close to home you feel the pain at  
the crib  
So I called mine, and saddened my wife with the bad  
news  
Now we both depressed, countin' our blessings 'cause  
Brad's two  
Prayin' for young souls to laugh at life through the stars  
Lovin' your kids just like you was ours

And I'm hurtin' for you dog; but ain't nobody pain is like  
yours  
I just know that Heaven'll open these doors  
And ain't no bright side to losin' life, but you can view it  
like this  
God's got open hands homey, he in the midst of good  
company  
Who loves all and hates not one  
And one day you gon' be wit' your son  
I could've rapped about my hard times on this song  
But Heaven knows, I woulda been wrong  
I wouldn'ta been right, it wouldn'ta been love  
It wouldn'ta been life, it wouldn'ta been us  
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