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"Time Machine"

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What if you knew then, what you know now?
Or what if, you know now, what you wish you knew
then?
That's what I ask you.
Let's go.
A wise man once told me "life is what you make it"
Bare witness to the lies, simply cuz the truth is naked
My thoughts are sacred, yet I share 'em wit the masses
I intend to be around, when the barrier collapses
It's dust to dust 'n ashes to ashes
Those who come up quick, tend to be fallin' the fastest
On the cash route, but for the paper they get lost
Not I, I'd rather let nature take its course
The reality is harsh, but it's gotta be accepted
Your fate has been determined, outcome is pre-
selected
No telling when your breath's stoppin', n' death's
knockin'
To enjoy every second is your best option
Treat, every first time like if it's your last
I wish I could somehow go 'n revisit the past
Correct any mistakes, maybe right a few wrongs
I'd hit the studio, just to write a few songs
[Chorus]
If I had a time machine, I'd go back in a flash
Tell myself "you ain't nothing but a thing of the past"
(so let's go)
Ain't got time for none of y'all to borrow (and why not?)
Cuz today is yesterday's tomorrow
If I had a time machine, I'd go back in a flash
Tell myself "you ain't nothing but a thing of the past"
(so let's go)
Ain't got time for none of y'all to borrow (and why not?)
Cuz today is yesterday's tomorrow
For the sake of argument let's say I did find a way
And was capable of goin' back to any time or day
Like, September 11th, then I'd have a chance to
Beg and plead until every last flight was cancelled
Go further back, to clear more of the smoke
Warn him, to keep a close eye on the Florida votes
I tell Martin 'n Malcom how I respect they passion

To seek change and justice, watch for the assassins
And, meetin' Bruce, would be history itself
Maybe study martial arts with Mr. Lee himself
I'd tell Biggie "to run the light don't stop son"
And Pac "somethin' ain't right, don't ride shotgun"
The good die young, we all know but how come?
And since we know, why we can't change the outcome?
I tried to make a difference but reality remains
That the script's been written so my efforts are in vain
[Chorus]
What about my future, and the road that lies ahead?
Should I take a glimpse, or be surprised instead?
Think I'll sneak a peak, I see a wall full of plaques
No more gimmicks, critics say I'm all skills in fact
Hate to say I told you so, but honestly speakin'
Finally got the respect I'm constantly seekin'
After the acclaim, figure I'd settle down
One wife, two kids, I'm out the ghetto now
I'm lyin' to myself, my life's a complete waste
A bitter sweet sorrow, that's just how defeat tastes
A has been, forgotten, I'm yesterday's news
No longer relevant, Jin was expected to lose
Can't see that as my destiny so I'm lookin' past
My twenty-twenty vision blurred through the lookin'
glass
At last, I choose to walk a path of my own
I've come this far but the other half is unknown
[Chorus]

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