

## **Joe Budden**

### **"If I Gotta Go"**

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And if I gotta go  
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Lo look look, we gon' party like it's one nine nine nine  
Somethin' triggers makin' my mind design crime  
When at times my minds fine inclined to find dimes  
Resigned from prime time

I need my stars to align when signs say they benign  
Tell whoever cares if a stray happens to hit me  
I need to take all the money I made with me  
If I'm heaven bound I'll put a hole in every turncoat  
If hell bound I'm poppin' shit through the inferno

My jargon is I'm an arsonist  
Since eleven when I found out what arson is  
Look at me, fully styled in that foreign whip  
I get a high from it, love that Johnny Carson shit

I got fascination for the aggravation  
Shoot 'em or [Incomprehensible] I love the fabrication  
Waitin' on a antidote but I lack the patience, so  
On the second thought, got my own vaccination

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Problem is I'm smarter than everybody  
But too numb to show it, they too dumb to know it  
Eventually my A's turned into D's  
Eventually my O's made its way to E

I'm tense, I'm not at ease, there's nigga's with degrees

That ain't never made it hot nor turned up the degrees  
There's nigga's with credentials, accolades paperwork  
But couldn't figure out how to make they paper work

Me I fight to stay alive, everyday is work  
Especially when they say there's six million ways to  
murk  
I wish the world was more like me  
More likely to see through the eyes that I see

Or be tired like I be, let's hide our ID's  
There's holes in my arms untied this IV  
At times wish the world would comprehend like I do  
Know it sound like I don't wanna mend but I'd like to

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Lo look look, I wonder what's behind the clouds  
Flew all over the world still I couldn't find out  
Maybe I'm normal and everybody else isn't  
Apron on over the stove in hells kitchen  
Nails bitten, failed livin'

Another derailed mission for a nigga jail smitten  
Enough to get the pound  
If I don't like the shit around me  
Maybe I should change the shit  
That I'm around, how that sound?

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