

## Living Legends

### "Hold Your Own"

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[Intro - Ragen]

Hold my own

[Grouch]

I pass now and maybe have fun later  
Sacrifice feeling nice the outcome's layered  
Surface is so centered 'round greed I need peace  
And that's a long road to travel the gravel beneath feet  
Sands first severe the worst stayed near I persevere  
Inside I need discipline Lower the tide  
I'm drowning in sound and sight drunk off light  
Dim to him and show that we unite vision  
I'm all seeing who's livin' for love's sake  
Thinking above great limits and tomorrow I'll win it  
Today my task finish with my heart in it  
Starred in it like a blockbuster's jock  
Real people respect with equal effects back  
Plant the seed check that then when you get back  
Blend, once you've learned to be a friend  
Men recognize how to speak and when  
So start for yards gained next  
I pass on what's stressed in the present  
'Cause I'm fresh for the future

[Chorus - Ragen]

Gotta separate myself from this world  
Grasp is pure and love is good  
Hold my own at least I'm free  
But sacrifice it sets the fate

[Eligh]

Beats made by the lips and teeth and streets  
Freaks high school like non-athletes nor geeks  
Cleats with the rhymes that dug deep into the beat  
Made by colleagues over asphalt quite unique  
In spite of a forthright notion that we were discreet  
We made our presence known through poetry on the  
quad  
Odd as it may seem daydreams start from a nod  
Sweet like Pralines were reactions on the spot  
From the parking lot where the narcs would catch you

with a joint  
To the point where you can't smoke a cigarette without  
the sweat  
I bet if I went to class and didn't have no interest in the  
ass  
I'd circulate my energy to the grass  
Where we gathered in circles representing the  
revolution  
Evolution of mind patterns gathering resolution  
To the daily constitution of psyche to the institution  
Of High School Hamilton high dues lamped in a ritual  
Habitual constitution  
Never bite never steal the light never hog the mike  
Invisible to the sight never say lyrical and miracle  
In the same rhyme at the same time (yeah, right)  
Under the code at the age of fifteen like young men  
In the service swerving and curving through potholes  
And gutter snipes and rotweillers and bottom feeders  
Spring autumn and winter from beginner to  
intermediate  
Specialists in the winter never not a sinner but  
Fond of glimmering truth on the roof with a pair of  
Binoculars and one hundred and fifty-one proof  
Boots that stomped through puddles of acid tabs  
Flaccid laughs at the way I move when I bust my raps  
At last it's my time to shine  
Travel the world and make due what's mine  
Never give up from the plastic bump and grind  
Rhinestone reality in these shiny days of mine  
It's just the sacrifices made  
That got me where I need to be today

[Chorus - Ragen]

[Bicasso]

Put me in a pot stir me up let me marinate  
In the spice of life then simmer sautÃ©  
What I say and what I do make sure that smells right  
And taste the love too when I'm done I'll be ready  
To serve to my people the stuff that we can grow from  
Knowin' what level we live we only equal to the work  
That we put into our lives that's what we get out  
You having these doubts well first things first  
Up early in the morning feel the burning in your eyes  
Make sure to keep them open wash them out and  
realize  
That your wakin' up alive give thanks for another day  
Another way to figure out just how you gonna survive  
Sacrifice is key multiply what it is to be  
Sprinkle in some discipline I put that on me  
Keep your soul so focused thing that I bet you could

see

Have it clearer than a vision quest open your chest  
Dig in your heart hold your love tight it just might  
Be a certain premonition that you needed in life  
Through the performing intuition if you heeded it right  
When you ride the wave of light certain things fall in  
place  
It's a matter of your space and time and how you use it  
I put that on mine and meditate to the music (to the  
music X2)

[Chorus - Ragen]

Hold my own [X2]

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