

Mary J. Blige Feat. Eve "Where I've Been"

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To all the youth in the world
The thing nobody understands
Well, I understand, that

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It's been hard for me
(Been)
Tryin' struggling in the streets
(Want to know)
But where I've been, that's no longer where I'm at
(Want to know)
And where I'm going, that's not where I'm stoppin' at

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I grew up as a 70's baby
Brought up in poverty and sin
Makin' jokes at the crazy lady
Never cared how she was dealin' within

I knew all the words to
Michael Jackson's album as a kid
And when it came to the biggest crusher
No he wasn't my man

At the age of seven years old
A strange thing happened to me
Before I even saw
My life has flashed before me

And I've got the mark to show
And it became a thing of beauty
So I gotta let you know
That my life, that my life

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Now mama's working hard all day
And she said this before she left home
"Take care of your little brother
Have the place cleaned when I get home"

All these priorities
Me and Tanya had to learn to be grown
But at the time for me
It's like grown had seemed so long

Woke up and I'm seventeen
With nothin' going for me
Except the fact that I sing
You know it hurts so much

From all the sights that I've seen
From abusing the hold in trust
You probably couldn't take some of things
That I've lived in my life

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Tryin' struggling in the streets

(I know, I know)
(Want to know)
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(I know, I know)
(Want to know)
And where I'm going, that's not where I'm stoppin' at
(And I ever said)

(I)
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(Been)
Tryin' struggling in the streets
(Understand)
(Want to know)
But where I've been, that's no longer where I'm at
(To all the youth out there)
(Want to know)
And where I'm going, that's not where I'm stoppin' at
(I don't think I know)

(I)
It's been hard for me
(I'm with you)
Tryin' struggling in the streets
(I been there)
(Want to know)
But where I've been, that's no longer where I'm at
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It's hard and the street's a jungle
I'm tellin' you, I'm tellin' you
Especially with your pretty colors
I'm tellin' you, I'm tellin' you
So stay low and keep it humble
I'm tellin' you, I'm tellin' you
Black women hold it down, keep your feet on the
ground
Black men keep searchin' and you'll be found

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In this world of continuous bullshit and full clips

Seems all we have to pass down is being useless

Broken homes, babies all alone, parent's never there

No food, no clothes to wear, anger everywhere

Ain't no values being taught, no productive thoughts

Jealousy rules the world, take shit at any cost

Gotta change our state of life, keep it worth livin'

God gave us voices to speak and that's our way of
givin'

It's so much bigger than the furs and the jewels

What about encouragin' the youths to do well?

What about givin' back, what about unifyin'?

Shit we all black, get it together

Everybody's got they trials and tribulations

Learn to change the negative to positive situations

Don't hold the lessons that you've learn

Pass it on and except the blessings that could earn

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