

## Massive Attack

### "Killed a Man"

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[Intro]

Mic Geronimo nigga! What the fuck's the deal son?  
What's goin on, what's goin on?  
Ain't shit nigga  
Alright  
On the grind, nigga tryin to get this paper  
Son whassup with you nigga?  
Yeah true, ain't nuttin, ain't nuttin y'know  
Ain't seen you in a minute dunn  
Yeah, just chillin, y'know? Doin my own shit  
No doubt, I see you got somethin in the car  
Yeah yeah, a little somethin, little somethin  
Aight  
Bout to light up the dutch and burn it down y'know  
No doubt my nigga  
Just doin my thing  
Do your thing nigga, I'll see you dawg  
Aight man  
One  
Aight?

{\*gun being cocked\*}  
Yo what's poppin nigga?

[Verse One]

Yesh, yeah, yeah  
M.I.C., M.I.C.  
Now, now, now, now  
Momma, I just killed a man, shot him to live  
I know you can't believe the sentence out the mouth of  
your kid  
I know you shocked and my explanation, it don't  
explain it  
And I can see you cryin and riffin at my arraignment  
I tried to handle it cool, you taught me the rules  
Told me look up on the floor and find me somethin to  
use  
But things you wouldn't understand momma led to his  
murder  
I know you never ever pictured me with drugs and a  
burner

Shoulda heard him, he was tellin me 'Nigga you gon'  
die'

I could see the devil dancin in the white of his eyes  
He despised me, shot his heater, then I shot mine  
I'd never lie to you mamma, I committed a crime  
And I'm alive though seein he tried to stop my survival  
Forgive me the things around me done turned me to  
livin trifle  
My rivals would love to say they left me dead in the dirt  
But I could never have you goin through the pain and  
the hurt  
I just killed a man

[Chorus]

Seein it was him or me  
The look on his face, I tried to erase, and now  
And mamma I just killed a man  
And I took him out of life to death  
With no remorse, I must confess, and now  
And mamma I just killed a man  
Then I left him in a pool of blood  
With murder one, I'm still your son, and now  
And mamma I just killed a man  
See I'd rather be tried by 12 than held by 6  
I choose to live, and now, now

[Verse Two]

Momma while I'm speakin to you over the phone  
I got involved with certain things I know you wouldn't  
condone  
I only did it cause I knew you was destined for  
somethin better  
Than workin them two jobs and fightin to stay together  
I never intended to kill him, seen it as God's will  
Only thing gettin me through this is knowin Allah's real  
I caught him and stepped back, my barrel was still  
smokin  
I said to myself he's goin, watched him started  
convulsin  
My bullets opened his chest up, now I'm just standin  
there like  
Things are messed up, and what could I do?  
Before he died he said the wolves I'm with are comin  
for you  
It's ignorance that had him thinkin there was nothin to  
lose  
Now feel me mamma, I ain't wanna, I didn't I'd be a  
goner  
They want me to turn informer and tell 'em about the  
corner  
I'm never breathin a word, hopin you understand

Many hats I got to wear, it's bein this man  
I just killed a man

[Chorus]

[Verse Three]

I know you thinkin that it's messed up, seein your only  
child  
inside the system facin 25-to-life and it's wild  
Nothin I can do about it, though I wish that I could  
You never wanted me to end up like the rest in the  
hood  
Now feel me mamma I done killed but I did it with no  
intention  
A minute free of your guidance it got me with no  
direction  
I question myself, sayin if I wouldn't have shot him  
Could I have lived and could we both have just worked  
through the problem?  
But seein things are what they are I just, hold my head  
Stick my chest out and walk to where my soul's been  
led  
And what you said, it's just the bed that I made, so I  
sleep in it  
Forgive me I'm up to my knees in it  
And mamma I just killed a man

[Chorus]

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