

# Masterminds

## "2 Moms"

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[Verse 1: Kimani]

Dear Mom

First let me just apologize

For the foolish lies and all the times that you've cried

For the times that I said things I really didn't mean

Basically for my entire existence as a teen

It's been 27 years since my birth here on the planet

And I know that at times you think I've taken you for granted

And granted, at times, I don't show my appreciation

But know, everyday I give thanks for my relationship with you

Even the times that I've bitched at you

For nagging me, I know that there's only love behind it

Like the time freshmen year that I came home in tears

As you whispered those words that helped to lessen my fears

You put your faith in me

You could relate to me

You gave me love when I saw the world was hating me

So now I'm giving you thanks for the thousands of hugs

And those times that you told me not to play on the rug

Because sometimes I burned my knees

I learned decrease

Maturing from a boy to man

You know my chosen plan

Is thanking you, for the love and support

Saying sorry for the pain that I caused

Thank you for all those times that you took me around the world traveling

And stirred me with hope when my world was unraveling

Helped me with bills, when my shit wasn't happening

And taught me how to stand like a man

Up on my own two

I guess I thought it a lot, but never told you

I hold you in the highest esteem

You're my inspiration

When this world is causing me frustration

I rely on the gleam in your eyes to help survive

Thank you

For being both my mom and my dad

And I'm sorry if this world ever treated you bad  
If I said the wrong things, or wrote the wrong words  
For the things you never had in life I know you deserve  
You make me proud, I pray to God I make you the same  
Spirit of the warrior, it runs strong in my vein  
It's all in my name  
Thank you for loving my wife  
Most importantly thanks for giving me life  
I love you mom

I remember (I remember)  
A warm December (a warm December)  
Through the cold times you nurtured us with sunshine  
No need to worry no more, I think you done fine  
We give thanks that we were fashioned after you're  
design  
You're one of a kind, you're love keeps us all alive (3  
times)

[Verse 2: Oracle]  
The year was 1576  
A little young boy was put on a slave ship  
How could he know that soon he would be  
The most important link in my entire family tree?  
Skin like burnt brass, hair like lamb's wool  
Looked like young Jesus trapped in shackles  
Watching his mother get tackled  
By some Portuguese merchants  
As she screamed out African curses and spells  
Condemning them to Hell  
For thinking they could sell her first born child across  
ocean tides  
She yelled out to the people from her tribe,  
"Make sure my little boy can stay alive"  
Cause she planned to die right in front of his eyes  
So the warrior spirit would forever cry  
Inside his heart and soul and he'll break the mold  
Of living timidly for the sake of reaching an old-  
Age. That wasn't the way she was raised  
She'd rather pass on this day than be a caste away  
Getting hit by bare fists and leather whips  
"May I feel no pain" were the only words from her lips  
She gave her son a glare, that of a lioness  
And began to wrestle the merchants like she was  
tireless  
Biting, punching, kicking  
Being guided by spirit and intuition  
Could you imagine this vision this boy had to bear?  
Trying to tear apart the chains  
But it was all in vain, he just screamed her name  
Over and over again

Trying to send angels of God to go and protect his  
mom  
His voice penetrated the musty air  
And cleared the atmosphere for three spirits to appear  
And they hovered above his mother  
The boy cried to them how much he'd love her  
And he couldn't live without the hugs she gave  
He'd be a slave forever  
As long as they took her to a better place  
His heart began to race  
As he saw his mother's spirit leave her dying body with  
grace  
And her essence shined in the presence of the divine  
And she looked down at her body getting beaten at the  
same time  
A look of disbelief was on the son's face  
As his mother's spirit came over to him and gave him  
an embrace  
The boy felt as if he was in paradise  
All the other people on the ship saw bright lights  
The merchants ran in fright  
Calling for the captain  
There was no logic to explain what had happen  
All the Africans in chains started clapping  
Cause the boy helped his mother's spirit find Heaven

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