

## **Me'Shell Ndegéocello "Cloud Nine"**

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Dennis: The childhood part of my life  
Wasn't very pretty, see...  
Temptations: Boom, boom-boom, boom  
Dennis: I was born and raised  
In the slums of the city,  
Temptations: Boom, boom-boom, boom  
Dennis: It was a one-room shack  
That slept ten other children beside me,  
Temptations: Boom, boom-boom, boom  
Dennis: We hardly enough food  
Or room to sleep  
Temptations: Boom, boom-boom, boom  
Dennis: It was hard times...  
I needed somethin' to ease my troubled mind

Dennis: Oooh listen...  
My father didn't know the meaning of work  
Temptations: Boom, boom-boom, boom  
Dennis: He disrespected mama,  
And treated us like dirt  
Temptations: Boom, boom-boom, boom  
Dennis: I left home seeking a job  
That I never could find  
Temptations: Boom, boom-boom, boom  
Dennis: The pressure came down hard  
And I took to cloud nine  
Temptations: Boom, boom-boom, boom

Paul: I'm doing fine  
Up here, on cloud nine  
Dennis: A one more time  
Paul: I'm doing fine  
Up here, on cloud nine  
Dennis: Folks down there tell me...

Dennis: They say give yourself a chance  
And don't let life pass you by,  
Temptations: Woo, woo, woo  
Dennis: But the world, say, is a rat race  
Where only the strongest survive,  
It's a dog-eat-dog world  
And that ain't no lie,

Temptations: Ain't no lie  
Dennis: It ain't even safe no more  
To walk the streets at night

Temptations: I'm doing fine  
On cloud nine

Dennis: Let me tell 'bout cloud nine...  
Temptations: Cloud nine  
Paul: You can be what you want to be  
Temptations: Cloud Nine  
Dennis: You ain't got no responsibility  
Temptations: Cloud Nine  
Eddie: And every man, every man is free  
Temptations: Cloud nine  
Dennis: You're a million miles from reality  
Paul: Reality

Temptations: I wanna' say up  
Eddie and Otis: Higher  
Temptations: Up and up,  
Up and away

Temptations: Cloud nine

Eddie: I wanna' say I love the life I live,  
And I'm going to live, the life I love  
Or be on cloud nine...  
I, I, I, I, I, I'm ridin' high  
Temptations: On cloud nine

Dennis: You're as free as a burning flame  
Temptations: Cloud nine  
Melvin: There's no difference between day and night  
Temptations: Cloud nine  
Eddie: It's a world of love and harmony  
Temptations: Cloud nine  
Dennis: You're a million miles from reality  
Paul: Reality

Temptations: I wanna' say up  
Eddie and Otis: Higher  
Temptations: Up and up, up and away

Temptations: Cloud Nine  
Paul: You can be what you want to be, ah  
Temptations: Cloud nine  
Dennis: You ain't got no responsibility  
Temptations: Cloud nine  
Eddie: Every man in his mind is free  
Temptations: Cloud nine

Dennis: You're a million miles from reality  
Temptations: Cloud nine  
Paul: You can be what you want to be

Temptations: all of them weave in and out with ad libs  
and choruses of "Boom-booms"

fade to end

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