

T.I. "Castle Walls"

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Featuring: Christina Aguilera

[Christina Aguilera]

everyone thinks that i have it all
but it's so empty living behind these castle walls
these castle walls
if i should tumble if i should fall
would any one hear me screaming behind these castle
walls
there's no-one here at all, behind these castle walls

[t.i.]

observing the estate through the gate from the outside
looking in
bet you would think i got it made, better look again
i got a Butler, got a maid, and a mansion
the belief is that I'm living out a millionaires fantasy
with phantoms and Ferrari's in the driveway
but you see the pain and the change of the same man's
sanity,
your vision jaded by the Grammy's on the mantelpiece
just switch your camera lenses you would see the
agony
apparently it's damaging the man you see before you
on the canvas he may seem alright but all the
disadvantages his family
encounters overshadows his extravagance
walk in my nines awhile i dare you, i scare you
while it really seem like the kings life seem glamorous
as seen through the eyes of untrained amateurs
because the camera's don't see beyond the walls of
the smiles
only counts until it falls in the pile

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honestly to me, i think I'd lose every benefit of all that
I've accomplished
if my kids never win at sh-t
me knowing this, why should the verses i have laid
be more important to me than the persons i have
raised
i guess i'm saying that to say that opportunity
but they just don't equate to all the time they take away
from the kids all the sh-t i did right is a mistake
if deyjah end up a stripper and major out there slinging
yay
how could i ever consider myself a great
if messiah ain't paid and nique nique ain't straight
would your favourite song about the whips, money and
sh-t
be relevant if you found out, the money wasn't real,
nope
so me being the goat shouldn't mean more to me
than see it to a king though
from a bad ass kid to man with some dough
otherwise i may well have stayed poor
so while they stay focused on me beefin with flip,
shawty low, gucci or ludacris
or if i'm f-cking with a hoe
did i snitch when i got arrested or will i die over
nonsense
internally I'm dealing with this conflict

so excuse me if i don't get the chance to kiss the hand
or slap me in the face, ay i,m just the man
if they saying i ain't the best at making hit records
it's cause this my life these ain't just rapping
sh-t, you think of that deep, did ya dawg
see you can't see the castle through the walls till it falls
bitch ain't thinking with the deep, did ya dog
cause see you can't see the castle through the walls till
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nobody knows i'm all alone

living in this castle made of stone
they say that money is freedom but i feel trapped
inside it all
and while i sit so high up on a throne
i wonder how i can feel this low
on top of the world it's beautiful
but there's no place to fall

[t.i.]

for the record ay, i could give a damn if i never sell sh-t
again

my career was meant for me to come and tell it
honest interpretation of how affected i'm faced with
matters most rappers used to keep locked away in the
basement

the day that i walk i ain't saying that i'm amazing
down playing the way i keep fellas from catching cases
won't take into consideration how much it mean what
i'm saying

and when i say what i mean even when i'm surrounded
by the fakers

from one of the greatest centers, blessed with most of
god's graces

who made his way amongst the greatest from the
grimiest places

so next time you rating royalty, i'm always being given
to recordings than the level

of your loyalty, obvious you've been ignoring me
who else ya seen make it through the storm, unharmed
this charming

while all the critics was looking for prince charming
disregarded the king of the south raised doubt
even though he made a castle out of used to be a
house

he did sh-t that all your favorites rappers only rap
about

but most of y'all don't see the castle through the walls
and the smiles till it falls in piles so while...

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