

## Suicidal Tendencies "Institutionalized"

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Sometimes I try to do things  
And it just doesn't work out the way I wanted to  
And I get real frustrated  
And I'm like, I try hard to do it

And I'm like, take my time  
And it doesn't work out the way I wanted to  
It's like, I concentrate on real hard but it doesn't work  
out  
And everything I do and everything I try it never turns  
out

It's like, I need time to figure these things out  
There's always someone there going, ?Hey, Mike  
You know, we've been noticing  
You've been having a lot of problems lately?

?You know, you should, maybe, get away  
And like, maybe you should talk about it, you'll feel a  
lot better?  
And I go, ?No, it's okay, you know I'll figure it out  
Just leave me alone I'll figure it out  
You know I'll just work it out myself?

And they go, ?Well you know if you want to talk about it  
I'll be here you know and you'll probably feel a lot  
better  
If you talked about it, so why don't you talk about it?  
I go, ?No, I don't want to I'm okay, I'll figure it out  
myself?  
And they just keep bugging me and they just keep  
bugging me  
And it builds up inside

You're gonna be institutionalized  
You'll come out brainwashed with bloodshot eyes  
You won't have any say  
They'll brainwash you until you see their way

I'm not crazy, institution  
You're the one who's crazy, institution  
You're driving me crazy, institution

They stuck me in an institution  
Said it was the only solution  
To give me the needed professional help  
To protect me from the enemy, myself

I was in my room and I was just like staring at the wall  
Thinking about everything  
But then again I was thinking about nothing  
And then my mom came in and I didn't even know she  
was there

She called my name and I didn't even hear it  
And then she started screaming, ?Mike, Mike?  
And I go, ?What, what's the matter??  
And she goes, ?What's the matter with you??

I go, ?There's nothing wrong, mom?  
And she goes, ?Don't tell me that, you're on drugs?  
I go, ?No, mom, I'm not on drugs, I'm okay  
I was just thinking you know, why don't you get me a  
Pepsi?

And she goes, ?No, you're on drugs  
I go, ?Mom, I'm okay, I'm just thinking?  
She goes, ?No you're not thinking, you're on drugs  
Normal people don't act that way?

I go, ?Mom just give me a Pepsi, please?  
All I want is a Pepsi and she wouldn't give it to me  
All I wanted was a Pepsi, just one Pepsi  
And she wouldn't give it to me, just a Pepsi

They give you a white shirt with long sleeves  
Tied around you're back, you're treated like thieves  
Drug you up because they're lazy  
It's too much work to help a crazy

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I'm sitting in my room and my mom and my dad came  
in  
They pulled up a chair and they sat down, they go  
?Mike, we need to talk to you?

I go, ?Okay, what's the matter??

They go, ?Me and your mom have been noticing lately  
That you've been having a lot of problems  
You've been going off for no reason and we're afraid  
You're gonna hurt somebody  
We're afraid you're gonna hurt yourself?

?So we decided that it would be in your interest  
If we put you somewhere  
Where you could get the help that you need?  
And I go, ?Wait, what are you talking about, we  
decided  
My best interest, how can you know what's my best  
interest is??

?How can you say what my best interest is?  
What are you trying to say, I'm crazy?  
When I went to your schools, I went to your churches  
I went to your institutional learning facilities?  
So how can you say I'm crazy??

They say they're gonna fix my brain  
Alleviate my suffering and my pain  
But by the time they fix my head  
Mentally, I'll be dead

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It doesn't matter, I'll probably get hit by a car anyway

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