

J. Cole

"3 Wishes"

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[Verse 1: J Cole]

Yeah grew up with killers, I didn't know they was killers
We was just together man, playing mega-man on sega
man

Your mama loved me to death, she reminded me of
Afeni

Yeah real black queen

If I had a genie, I wish that she ain't struggle no more
Yall wouldn't have to go to sleep with all the roaches if
she wasn't so poor

You told me when you came to my house

This shit was like a timeout from reality

One night you asked me what I'm crying about

'cuz you was staying over for the weekend

I woke up from out my sleep

When I heard mama and my stepfather beefin'

I don't know if he been drinkin'

But I know this shit got loud and I heard rumbling from
struggling

And rolling on the ground

Could never get used to that sound

My mama saying get off me

My tears is tumbling now

I wish that you never saw me

'cuz i, felt like a coward, so powerless I was only 12

I wish I would've bust through that door my fucking self

And grab the Glock right off the fucking shelf

If nothing else scared a nigga shitless

There goes two of my wishes

Forever scarred, determined to get some heart

No matter how big the nigga, no matter how small you
are

Fast-forward to our older years

Two different paths

You used to talk to me about college but that shit didn't
last

Waste of potential, getting cash, what could I say?

So tired of not having things, you never see it my way

Too proud to fold

You're demise

One day to my surprise, my nigga called me, told me

you just caught a body twice your size
I asked if it was self defense, he said it was defense of
pride
And that they trying to give you ten, but if you lucky
you'll do five damn
Not my nigga
The same one that told me that things always get
better
Just trust me, don't cry my nigga
The news call him a killa, but he my nigga
Sad shit
Ay yo genie last wish, free my nigga

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