

# J. Cole

## "Hold It Down"

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(Talking)

[Verse 1]

If my heart stop pumping tomorrow don't feel no  
sorrow

'Cause life is hard mentally

And everything is meant to be

Sometimes I ask myself if I was gone who would  
remember

me?

It's hard to tell

Oh well, sit back and sip this Hennessey

Now lately it's been hard to tell my friends part from  
my enemies

'Cause plenty niggas show me love but in their hearts  
they envy me

Why?

I'm just a nigga from around the way

Told my mama I'd make it happen and I found a way

Pour out some liquor for my niggas at the crossroads

And may the Lord give guidance to the lost souls

I know that deep inside these niggas know there's  
more

to life

Than macking hoes and stacking dough

Man I'm sorta like a nigga who done seen greener  
grass

So when they think they balling like the dream team

My nigga I done seen meaner cash

And I'm trying to get

Follow me nigga I'm on the prowl

Headed to the top

You watching me nigga?

Then hold it down

[Chorus]

Hold it down

If you need to holla at me don't hesitate to call

It ain't a problem

I can be there

I ride for

Lie for you

I know you'd do the same

I would die for you  
So hold me down  
When the times is hard I'll be around  
So hold it down  
And it don't matter how far  
I'll be around  
(I hold it down)

[Verse 2]

You was my nigga from the younger days  
We grew up  
I went to school, you went the other way  
But still my brother man  
I'm sitting reminiscing on  
All of them bitches we was tripping over, kissing on  
Or at the skating rink  
We trying to bag some new hoes  
And if I needed gear you'd let me hold your new  
clothes  
And vice-a-versa man  
But now that life is worser man  
A nigga slow caking  
I'm broke trying to chase a dream  
You just got probation  
And I'm stressed  
Your little sister pregnant  
What's next?  
Oh shit, my mama doing drugs  
At times it's hard to feel blessed  
In this madness  
I holla at my nigga in the sadness

Remember when your mama tried to beat you with that  
bat?  
Shit, remember your chick Nina?  
Man that ass was the fattest  
Remember my crush on Sabrina?  
Yo she's still the baddest  
I'm just glad that I can holla at you  
It's been a while  
Until the next time I hear from you  
Aye, hold it down

[Chorus]

Hold it down  
If you need to holla at me don't hesitate to call  
It ain't a problem  
I can be there  
I ride for  
Lie for you  
I know you'd do the same

I would die for you  
So hold it down  
When the times is hard I'll be around  
So hold me down  
And it don't matter how far  
I'll be around  
(I hold it down)

[Verse 3]

These is tough times baby  
But we'll make it through  
You know I'm headed for the top  
I swear I'm taking you  
Just hold a nigga down through this bad weather  
The rain falling  
Ain't balling but I have better  
A woman with an ass and a strong mind  
It's been a long time  
Sometimes you on your bullshit  
Sometime I'm on mine  
Will I have a hard time to stay committed?  
Or do I only want your voice moaning when I hit it?  
Man only God knows  
I know deep in your heart you don't want me to be no  
star though  
There's groupies after every show  
You scared I'm fucking every hoe  
And girl I ain't 'gon lie and say I won't  
'Cause shit you never know  
But may the Lord give me strength  
I love you more than anything  
The future mother of my kids  
The love is real  
And if we ever part, God forbid  
I love you still  
So when I'm on the road don't trip  
You know I'm down for you  
Keep it tight and don't slip  
And hold it down for me

[Chorus]

Hold it down  
If you need to holla at me don't hesitate to call  
It ain't a problem  
I can be there  
I ride for  
Lie for you  
I know you'd do the same  
I would die for you  
And hold me down  
When the times is hard I'll be around

So hold me down  
And it don't matter how far  
I'll be around  
(I hold it down)x3

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