

## Magnetic North

### "Within The Rhythm"

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CHORUS 2x:

Turn up the headphones, turn up the stereo,  
Let me live within the rhythm, if it's possible.  
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Let me live within the rhythm, it's all I know.

Let me drift away, reminiscing the days I miss  
Listening to hits played on 92 and 106,  
Sitting in my room, hearing the tunes of Tupac,  
Bone and Biggy be blaring from my puny boombox  
From the Crossroads, to Juicy, to Life Goes On,  
I used to rock The Fugees; the old skool songs.  
Like "Regulate"--my favorite from Warren and Nate,  
I was always saving up all my money so I can blow it on  
tapes.

Cuz after school, I would walk straight to the record  
shop,  
And walk through every section stopping at hip hop.  
Just to find a song to buy to bring back home, so,  
I can sing along, when I feel lonesome.  
That's what I did just to pass the time,  
I was a, young kid, but the sound was sublime.  
Cuz the music I always found, to be therapeutic,  
Looking back at my life now, I know how I got through it.

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Growing up I was social but,  
Never was the type to open up.  
So my closest friends were never close enough,  
I suppose to them I was emotionless...  
So my headphones were my constant companions,  
Around my neck they were constantly hanging.  
And late at night when I'm haunted by phantoms,  
The songs I would jam, would subconsciously ban them.  
And damn, I know it's just lyrics and beats but,  
Lyrics to me are like infinite peace.

And peace, is what hip hop had brought me,  
Strumming my pain like it was "Killing Me Softly."  
Killing me--but what a way to die,  
Overdosed on flows, comatosed on rhymes.  
And I, wanna drift away,  
Staying conscious enough just to hit replay, okay...

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C'mon mister DJ, don't let me down now,  
Take me away from today with surround sound.  
And drown out all the noise from the outside,  
World while I curl up and close both my brown eyes.  
And cool down, let me sink in the song,  
Believing every lyric as I lip-synch along.  
See it talks to me, it whispers in rhymes,  
Relating life stories that ain't too different than mine.  
So turn up my headphones, and stereo,  
I wanna let it all go if it's possible.  
Cuz these songs ease my thoughts and let my heart  
sleep,  
While the bassdrummer replaces my heartbeat.

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