

## **Raheem DeVaughn**

### **"Catch 22"**

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What's gangsta  
In my humble opinion  
What's gangsta is knowledge  
Spilled out on the track

Tell me who are we really  
When we don't know our history  
What good is the church for  
When you can't trust the priest

Guess the lies are easier to swallow  
Than it is to face the truth  
But the struggles of tomorrow  
Are the same ones as the past

Wishing I could prophecy  
Or perhaps just fade away  
For brand new better day  
So until my dying day

Living life like a catch 22, yeah yeah  
For every step I try to take yet they wanna push me  
back  
Yeah, yeah, yeah  
I ain't worried about it see  
'Cause I can handle that, yeah yeah yeah

If the sidewalk could speak  
It would tell you how blood is lick?  
While little girls were playing double dutch  
And look outs were guiding the police

While they restored the projects  
For the inside to remain the same  
'Cause if it looks brand new to me and you  
We won't feel the need for change

It's got me passing back and forth on concrete  
Wishing I could prophecy  
Or perhaps just fade away  
So until my dying day

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This one is for my profess  
That don died way to soon  
In the same block with the cracked rocks  
And another closed down school

For all the precious babies  
With fathers locked down with fake crime  
For the sleep walking and blind chilling  
On ice slain by the mind

I ain't gonna settle  
No change is going to come  
Each one reaches one  
My word ain't done, am gonna keep on living

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