

## Long Beach Shortbus

### "Better Than This"

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Every man needs to get a little sleep  
We all need sanctuary from the trouble on the street  
Working hard and making money  
But I'd rather be dreaming underneath a shady tree

And it's 6:00 in the morning, I've been up all night  
And I'm tossing and I'm turning and I'm fearing  
daylight  
I'm so spun out, but I think I know what we could do  
I'm exploding with ideas but I can't call you

Oh lord, I hear people in the trees  
I'm going on a mission, unlock your ten-speed  
I hear this place is hot, swarming with police  
And there's a man on the corner with this camera on  
me

And I'd do anything to get a little rest  
I think a nightmare would be better than this  
I think a nightmare would be better than this

There's a house they say is haunted up the street  
The last family that moved in evacuated in a week  
That voodoo lady always got to me  
And I'm searching for her spirit desperate for company

'Cause it's 6:00 in the morning, I've been up all night

Can't stop, the wheels are turning, fearing God's  
morning light  
I'm so spun out, but I think I know what we could do  
I'm exploding with ideas but I can't call you

Oh Lord, I hear people in the trees  
I've got to take the world on a mission with me  
I had a close brush with voyeur destiny  
And then I hope that you're looking and can see right  
through me

Can't you see?

I'd do anything to get a little rest  
I think a nightmare would be better than this  
I think a nightmare would be better than this

Lord, can it get be better than this?  
Can't keep living like this  
Better than this

Oh, I feel so shallow, just like a puddle  
I think a nightmare would be better than this

The song's meaning according to Ras-1:

"I wrote this song at a very sad time in my life. It came very naturally, because it was all true, but by no means am I saying it was cool to be that way (spun out). Rather, I hoped that this song could touch some people that have been there and let them know that their problems were not unique, and possibly show how desperate a drug addict can feel to some who had not been there. Whatever, it's just a song."

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