

## **Fugees Feat. Diamond D. "This Ain't Livin'"**

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Yeah, what's happening my peoples  
That's how we're struggling  
Yeah, I know it's hard out here man  
But ain't nobody said it was gonna be easy  
You know what I mean?  
Together we stand  
That's how we're struggling  
Divided we fall  
What's happenin ya'll?  
What's crackin?

Ain't nothing changed since I was a kid  
Nothing but the days, months and the years  
Putting it down and keeping it serious  
Trying to keep from shedding these tears  
You would have thought that it would have got better  
Making that rapping and doing these shows  
But to me it only got worse  
Close to a hearse and nobody knows  
The real steam, the reason why, I do the things that I  
do  
Getting so high, drinking these brews  
Feeling like I've got nothing to lose  
I payed my dues and the Lord blessed me  
But now I pray to save my mother, and my brother  
Lord please help me  
Heavy loads should be for heavy people  
But niggas just trying to provide for their family  
Facing constant evil  
And we need our higher powers  
So what I'm going to do is keep my prayers to the sky  
for you  
Won't tell no lie for you, but nigga I'm willing to die for  
you  
Undivided, reunited  
With the fist in the pyramid  
Right about now I'm about to tip my lid  
Somebody tell me what this is  
A dream, a reality, my sanity about to give in  
Got the fame and the fortune but this ain't living

Chorus:

This ain't livin', but it's the only thing I know  
This ain't livin', I've got to find a higher road  
This ain't livin', but it's the only thing I know  
This ain't livin', I've got to find a higher road

From the past, the present through, I'm talking about  
the struggle

The shit hit me so hard I be swearing I'm seeing  
doubles

Sometimes it makes me wonder how I hold and  
maintain

No matter which direction always seems against the  
grain

What to do, what to do? I'm praying for solution

In the course that I be kicking have me in a institution

Trying to rid this life, of one I didn't chose

How you gonna fault me? I paid my dues

Every minute of my life I be trying to focus

Just when I think I got it someone make me know it

Ain't the way I need to be

And my eyes way heavy but

I keep on pushing 'cause I ain't livin' for nothing

Chorus

On a quest for peace, on a quest for peace

But I can't escape these wicked streets

Got me to realise that I could jeopardize

A chance for my kids to be

What they wanna be and what they could be

And I ain't trying to be that hoody

But I wish somebody understood me so they could see  
the good in me

Trying to do thangs to make the world better

And everybody hittin' me to be doing what I'm doing

Strickly out here chasin this cheddar

Ain't nothin' free ain't nothin' fair to me

So all in all it's only me

Take care of me and you should be doing the same  
thang

My niggas complain'

Trying to do to much explainin'

When the key is really maintainin'

Waitin' for the Lord to stop the rainin'

Playing it safe we got to check ourselves

Before we wreck ourselves

First we got to respect ourselves

'Cause a nigga won't give us nothin' else

Don't sit there and talk me to death

Go and get off your thang

I'm a see a change when you make a change  
I believe I know the game  
Enduring our pain cuz you got to take it  
And if you want it you'll make it  
See the drama and shake it  
Get your mind right

Chorus

He's on drugs 'cause he's unhealthy  
Family's splitting up 'cause they're struggling  
Somebody out there, don't you feel the need?  
Feeling hopeless 'cause I'm in (?slowly?)  
I'm lookin' for a better day  
I be praying for a better day  
I've been lookin' for a better way

Chorus

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