

## Jehst

### "Independant"

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[Verse 1]

In the wargame of my life-span, I strive for ammunition  
The lights stand bright and I can't quite envision  
My course tube is source through transition  
Livin' within division. My right hand man missing in  
action  
Re-written captions for snapshots that capture the  
woods  
and poor housing block backdrops  
Indecision head cracked without crack rocks  
Junkie taps money, broken back from the monkey---  
dead  
Funny bled, innocence  
The hungry fed ignorance, misled by power and  
influence  
I face (I face) an immigrant's condition  
Poems written, received the way my gravestone  
inscription'll read  
Believe, in love. I stay home inprisoned, wishing it'll be  
different for my seed  
Because my halfheart bleeds the blood of my bad  
dreams  
I shed the tears of illusion to see the grand scheme---  
clear  
It may not've bled much  
Fear and pain came in a headrush  
I developed empathy and nexus sick  
Ambly switched to plan B, ambidextrous  
The hour hand stole the candy, and my Lexus  
Is lust of reality sour?  
My lexis makes sense of the fallacies; money and  
power  
That's how I re-evaluate situations, and information  
I walk with with the vagrants, and stay patient  
I'm hated, my innovation, rhyme invention  
Eyes and minds extend as crime prevention  
You can't beat the man, but you can stall him  
Too clever, I stay a devil 'cause all the angels have  
fallen  
to earth knees buckling to cripple  
My destiny callin' since an infant, sucklin' a nipple

to nourish, post-daisy age, my pages flourish  
Pre-apocalypse; my script's stripping you of courage

[Hook/Scratches: Jeru the Damaja]

"Hatred, Jealousy, and Envy..."

"(They attack) they attack me"

[Verse 2]

The pain of introspection...

At the intersection of a crossroads: ...the archer

Selectin' the direction for the arrow of my crossbow's  
departure

I cross fingers and cross toes, to double cross a double  
dealer's karma

Battle: start... to marker.. Hide marga, words grab  
attention

Trouble costs an arm and a leg, lend an ear

Not to mention I'm defendin' my head against mind  
bendin' forces

Preventin' progression, my cause is  
congested with tumble weed and stumblin' blocks,  
sods

And always as opportunity knocks, the doors lock  
Wonderin' what's next, never took kindly to threats

Best step behind me or step blindly on sets

and find your bones and your neck separated

Once bitten, never smitten, elevated by rhythm

I updated what I've written, prior to this

Listen. Beat's christen, deep lyrics born of my inner  
vision

Peep the vision, my motion graceful

My ways are worldly, so the page pulls you in

With the gravitational force of my thoughts, I win

Wars with words, my pen

mightier than the sword, my sins

tore my limbs with pain

I'm fightin a losin' battle tryin' to grapple the shackles  
of my brain

Confusion, I must organise to maintain

Realising my delusion is sharin the same aims as my  
flame

Blown out by the wind of change

Grown so I ain't into games

Stay home and play NB, my inner self empty

Considering giving up hope, don't tempt me

Dope -- I got got plenty

But the big wigs got a whiff

Now we can't get a hit, 'cause they're hogging the spliff

Tryin' to ruin it, canoein' it, doggin' my gift

Am I losin it? Pursuin' life - dodgin the bitch

Thinking about robbin'? I switch to legit

Remember to gettin rich quick  
Whatever effort you're in the district with wires  
This misfit's disc fits his drive  
Tryin' to find my independence, stare the life  
No gold pendant's jibe talkin' or struttin my stride  
I'm just walkin with pride, all frontin' aside  
It's like something inside provides a catalyst for vision  
Activists actin' with accurate precision  
Over rhythm---sections, re-lived in resurrection  
Through tape deck, rewind directions  
Selection; take cheque, take life as a lesson--in living  
Will I be the unforgiven or the unforgiving?

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