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"Contribution"

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[chorus]

yo, either you a part of the problem
or part of the solution
what's your contribution to life
so many people complain, always talk about change yo
but what's your contribution to life
either you with or ain't with it, if it ain't broke don't fix it
yo what's your contribution to life
either you give or you take, make moves and you wait
yo
but what's your contribution to life

*your about to witness three of the most common
tales of man, woman and human, the difference
between the three
is that there is not difference, just other outcomes
listen and witness the common tales*

aye yo my momma and a nigga for life
love carousel, cuss yell and fight
seven nights a week, no respect when they speak
disrespect between the sheets, the ends don't meet
no rice beans or meat
my momma was the bread winner plus
she had to cook his dinner
my daddy was a full time sinner
poppa was a stoner stay gone till November
off of that, gawk?, that made ?emack
like the devil done took his soul and ain't given it back
remember that, when you play for the bless
speedy victory for the poor and the press
I cant stand the stress, its test and time press
up against my momma and daddy chest, I try and rest
with no stretch of the mind, I cant find no piece
of mind within this family of mine, yo

[marc 7even]

she got chips and you don't, that's bottom line
that's just the way love goes, *hmmm* lets rewind
you really ain't paid, you clockin minimum wage
now basically you a slave, your wife studies for days

no money for much, just movies and such
the way your two hands clutch, you know its love not
lust
now she's sick of the bus, and using you as a crutch
and on top of this stuff, she graduates in a month
damn, her new job got her clocking the dough
now she's buying new clothes, and taken you to the
show
you feeling like you the ho, not knowing which way to
go
and ultimately you know, you ain't feeling her so
you need to get up, get out and get something
your job ain't nothing, all these years you've just been
frontin
thats the way she played ya, the talked in rager went
back
to your days of...[chali 2na voices over marc 7even]

[chali 2na]

she always said I'm out husslin for food, kitchen
indeed
while this nigga spend his ends on booze, bitches and
weed
I thought that we'd agree, with two kids to feed
that you would slow your own, but instead of switchin
your seed
you slapped me, you cant attack me thinkin I'm be
happy
in fact its a packing and we rapidly
after we witness, no love between parents
the father type that was once on the sence vanished
supreme bamish the couples that match these
producin generations of kids with latched keys
her daughter learned from momma
how to reject men, her sons attracts women
that don't respect men, and then
one parental provided can be the plan
but no woman can truly teach a boy to be a man
that's why I'm always telling these many pals of mine
the most that you can spend on any child is time

*look we dont have all the answers, we're victims also
to the same situations, but man, plans and the lord
plans
and the lord is the best of planners,
so what's your contribution to life*

[chorus]

what's your contribution to life

