

## The Wilkinsons

### "Rain Water"

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A question was raised to me the other day  
"Why it seem you always have joy?"  
Well, I'd like to take time to set the record straight..

All the joy I've ever known  
Has disappeared  
- in the motherfuckin thin air  
Like it's never even been there  
My joy left me y'all

[Chorus]

God's rain water flow through the same gutter  
That we, walk today gotta stay brave brother  
Keep your lips stiff, keep your fist clenched  
At times you gotta kick your way through this bitch

[Verse 1]

And I can't stop feelin empty smiling  
A wise man once told me that every cloud has a silver lining  
I wanted to believe him but it's a trick to find 'em  
When the people around me continue dying  
Granddad was in the twilight of his life  
When he closed his eyes tight and opened his wrists wide  
What make a tenth round finer with the winning score  
Decide to eat or throw it's hollow for the whistle blow  
Maybe I'll never know  
But I inherited this poetic soul so the symbolism's yet to show  
Was life so obscene that death's more serene?  
Or was an old author tryin to write his own closing scene?  
Nothing stings like knowing that the woman that gave me this life  
Is being eaten from the inside  
I thought we never make shit right  
I wish I had of viewed it once clear before you were done here  
That's two in one year that I let leave here  
Loving me without shedding one single tear

Either I'm one of the strongest people left  
Or y'all just tow me for even tryin to steal breath

[Chorus x2]

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[Verse 2]

They say shit's strapped but you are by yourself, ain't ya?  
Damn straight, I got a jail cell mantra  
Been boxed up but I never been settled in  
Him got tough started developin leather skin  
I learned to make that face that tells predators  
It's better to re-assess just who you bout to wrestle with  
I'm on a run like the first kick drum of the beat  
Clear my lungs, spit blood on the street  
They tellin me we got nuttin to fear but fear itself  
But I fear I have no human fear left  
Some day a runner wanna peel back this catharsis  
And really feel life again and ask what my challenge is  
I been kickin and bitin for so long and  
When they throw me a rescue rope I'll be too weary to hold on  
And see the light, so I sing through the tears  
And the key of life, the way a wounded ego might

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My joy left me y'all  
She don't show her face around his past  
Every time she come she get chased off  
So she stay distant

[Verse 3]

If it run from the square he wouldn't know the sun was out  
I hate every word that come outta his fuckin mouth  
Ladies treat him special, don't know nuttin bout him  
If saw what his wife see they wouldn't fluster bout him  
He can't do shit right but rap and make babies  
And babies need daddy at home consistent  
But rap keep daddy on the road religious  
So even in my two loves my soul's so conflicted  
My son came into this world innocent

He deserves everything that he needs to live in it  
And this home I made for him is broken  
I'm hopin his love for me will never grow thin  
It hurts daddy to no end to know when  
You're cryin at the hospital I'm out tryin to rock a show  
I made a vow that we'd never be broke again  
And I'd never be a burden on another friend  
So when I'm sweatin on my farewell stage  
And wrote my last hook in my last rhyme book  
When I get my last line of approval from my family  
This is the man that I have to be

[Chorus x4]

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Sometimes  
I feel  
Like I'm Al-most gone

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