

## Missy Elliott F/ TLC "Inspiration's Passing"

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(Audio sample of mother talking to child)

[Verse 1: Alias]

I remember sitting, watching through the haze Amazed by her, "I long for those surreal days

Of inspiration in human form"

Is my realization upon thought now

How I wish to view myself in third person stance

For a refreshing of the memory, how I long to return

I now sit in a parked car, looking at that house

Wishing I could enter, but it's not possible

Perhaps when I return from my travels that sign will be

there

But at present time, I'm stuck with memories of her

Especially since I'm so involved with music

She's one reason I've evolved

She's one reason why my brother can pick up an

instrument

And learn it in a matter of minutes

How to play

I can recall her vividly teaching me chopsticks

At the age of five and dancing around the table

With my sister to the tune of "Yellow Bird"

The way she played

I thought I was that yellow bird

Flying around that table, floating, I felt so alive

I felt so young and care-free, so care-free

If she only knew the impact on me

Sitting next to her and listenting at an early age helped

me

I believe that by her doing that, and having me read

along

Instilled the value of knowing

Knowing things that helped me

Use my imagination

[Verse 2: Alias]

Now imagine having inspiration taken away in the

winter

I ask you what is more depressing

Me left guessing where to go next, and feeling lost

It's funny how the pain has stopped But it only just begun

Strange how it was transferred directly to my soul from hers

And now I'm a different person, I just realized

You've never been overwhelmed with sadness

Until you've heard "Amazing Grace" echo off the walls of a church

You used to frequent with whom the song is being played for

I heard that song in a whole new light that snowy midwinter morning

And now I'm mourning my inspiration's passing Numb with emotions and I'm left asking "Why?"

As the snow fell

I fell into my seat

Tears fell from my eyes

My heart fell to my feet

The fairness in all of this was non-existent

But relieved by the fact that our relationship was quite persistent

I thought I caught a glimpse of her out of the corner of my eye

As father asked us to bow our heads

And I'm guessing

That was her way of saying

Her last goodbye

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