

LIT

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Lyrics and Credits



The Project

LIT is what I call a “lyrical remix” album. A **remix** is defined as “a variant of an original recording (as of a song) made by rearranging or adding to the original”. **Lyrics** are simply defined as “the words of a song”.

So what I’ve done with this project is taken mainstream pop and hip hop songs, kept the beat or instrumental in place, and then written my own original lyrical content. The theme of each song is also connected or inspired in some way by the original song.

The mainstream music of today is produced and engineered at such an incredible level that listeners can’t help but be struck and attracted by the beauty of its sound. However, one personal reflection I’ve had is that the message embedded within the lyrical content of a lot of mainstream music often leaves a lot to be desired.

And that’s where *LIT* comes in. I do my best to infuse a spiritually and socially conscious message into each remix, while maintaining the amazing sound and style of the original production.

The inspiration for this album was another project titled “*Wide Awake*”, by Karim Rushdy, a fellow rapper that I really admire. I reached out to him in the early stages of the project, and he expressed a lot of enthusiasm and encouragement. Through our conversations, I eventually hired him as the mixing engineer for the project, and he’s also featured on the opening track!

All of the songs on the album are also inspired by the Baha’i Writings, as I often study and meditate on various passages and quotations while I’m exploring song ideas and brainstorming lyrics. In fact, the following Baha’i quote was another inspiration for embarking on the project:

“Material civilization is like unto the lamp, while spiritual civilization is the light in that lamp. If the material and spiritual civilization become united, then we will have the light and the lamp together, and the outcome will be perfect.”

Connecting this quote to rapping and music, I view the technical components of the song creation, such as the instruments and rap flow, as the lamp. While the spirit and message of the song represent the light. I feel that so much of mainstream music is this exquisite and beautiful lamp, but the light seems to be lacking. My aim is to infuse light into the lamp. To make it... LIT!

About Me



I am a Baha'i, husband, father, rapper, film producer, and changemaker! My mission is music is to create socially and spiritually conscious hip hop that uplifts, educates, and inspires.

I am a fully independent artist, and I've released two previous albums without a record label. The first was titled "[Change the World](#)", which was a collaborative album with Cameroonian pop singer AWU. The goal of the album was to inspire humanity to do something positive to make a difference. The second project was my debut solo album, titled "[Wizdome](#)", which had the goal of infusing the Baha'i Writings into rap and hip hop.

I've also produced several music videos which have attained notoriety online, amassing a few hundred thousand views in total on YouTube and Facebook.

I also enjoy performing, touring, and hosting my own events. I've toured around the Southwest and West Coast of the United States, and performed locally, around the country, and around the world. I'm grateful for the amazing opportunities that music has opened up for me to share my gifts with the world.

Finally, I've recently joined an arts education organization called The Rap Camp, which aims to create positive change through rap. I serve as a teaching artist, helping to facilitate camps and workshops for youth where they can learn to develop their power of expression to transform themselves and society.

Lyrics

Below you'll find the lyrics of each song, as well as links to the original song and lyrics.

*****WARNING*** many of the lyrics and videos of the original songs include explicit content. I've decided to include them here for reference so you can truly investigate and analyze them and better understand the mainstream music that is being consumed by masses of society.**

1) Gotta Tell 'Em

[Intro]

I gotta tell 'em... Should I tell 'em?
I gotta tell 'em... How do I tell 'em?
I gotta tell em... But their telling me not to tell 'em
I know I gotta tell em... My soul's tellin' me that I gotta tell 'em!

[Verse 1]

Did you see that new movie in the theaters?
Did you catch that game last night?
Have you tried that new restaurant on 7th Street?
Did you see that punch he threw in the fight? I gotta tell em!
When you know, and they don't know,
You gotta tell 'em what you know, so they know!
Don't you know? God made you to be generous,
To share the things that you possess,
To this I profess, if I keep this knowledge from you it makes no sense,
You would be oppressed, so hear me share it, I got no stress,
The Messenger of God for today is manifest, know this!

[Chorus]

I gotta tell 'em, gotta tell 'em, ay ay,
How do I tell 'em? Do I tell 'em? ay ay,
They're telling me not to tell 'em, not to tell em, ay,
My soul's tellin' me that I gotta tell 'em, gotta tell 'em, ay,
I gotta tell 'em, gotta tell 'em, ay,
I gotta tell 'em, gotta tell 'em, ay ay,
I gotta tell 'em, gotta tell 'em, ay ay,
My soul's telling me that I gotta tell em! ay,

[Verse 2]

I'm a candle, I'm enkindled,
Let me light shine, let it lead you,
Let it lead me, I gotta tell em in words plus deeds,
I gotta do, I gotta B-E,
Like a MC squaring off,
Feel my energy as I'm teaching the Cause of God,
Uttering, utterly, using this utterance,
Unlocking the doors to the cities of the hearts of men, no defense,
Higher than the senses, can you feel that?
No syllables and sounds, do you hear that?
Light brighter than the sun, do you see that?
B and a E, made the world of being BE that!
I bow down before His Station,
The Creative Word led to my transformation,

All Praise to Baha'u'llah,
Take pleasure in sharing the Word of God, it's a Revelation, ay

[Chorus]

I gotta tell 'em, gotta tell 'em, ay ay,
How do I tell 'em? Do I tell 'em? ay ay,
They're telling me not to tell 'em, not to tell em, ay,
My soul's tellin' me that I gotta tell 'em, gotta tell 'em, ay,
I gotta tell 'em, gotta tell 'em, ay,
I gotta tell 'em, gotta tell 'em, ay ay,
I gotta tell 'em, gotta tell 'em, ay ay,
My soul's telling me that I gotta tell em! ay,

[Verse 3 - Karim Rushdy]

Check the headlines read the news,
Are you this or that? You need to chose,
Are you against that or are you for this?
Do you fight the fight or do you forfeit?
I'm not in Forbes and I'm not so gorgeous
So if I listen to their message that means that I am unimportant,
You see my cores just 'bout to explode it's
Tired of hypocrisy I'm raisin up my sore fists,
I've been holding in the light like it's all mine,
Disunified, now let it all shine,
I'm working up the courage to flourish,
And then embellish every word that I'm speaking with God's love, I gotta tell em, ay!

[Chorus]

I gotta tell 'em, gotta tell 'em, ay ay,
I gotta tell 'em, gotta tell 'em, ay ay,
How do I tell 'em? Do I tell 'em? ay ay,
My soul's tellin' me to tell 'em, so I'm tellin' 'em to raise up!
I gotta tell 'em, gotta tell 'em, ay ay,
I gotta tell 'em, gotta tell 'em, ay ay,
How do I tell 'em? Do I tell 'em? ay ay,
My soul's tellin' me to tell 'em, so I'm tellin' 'em to raise up!

[Outro]

"The Great Being saith: The Word is the master key for the whole world, inasmuch as through its potency the doors of the hearts of men, which in reality are the doors of heaven, are unlocked."

So you know I gotta tell em...

Remix of "Don't Tell 'Em" by Jeremih

For Original Song & Lyrics (WARNING** Explicit Content):**

Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MqyCoAgiGnI>

Lyrics: <https://genius.com/Jeremih-dont-tell-em-lyrics>

2) What If

[Verse 1]

What if you were being lied to? What if your true purpose just slipped right by you?
What if you had been deceived?
What if all this time they made you believe in a fairytale but it was really all fiction?
What if the truth has been hidden?
What if we're staring at a mirage? A facade built to keep us from God,
What if this whole time you were upside down? Now, what if you flip the world around?
Break loose from the snares, you ain't taking the bait,
Let your soul right through that heavenly gate,
What if? yeah yeah, What if? yeah yeah,
What if you see the pomp and the glory for what it really is?
What if you tap into what's really glorious?
Dust off the dross, turn up your light, Burning veils, flying free,

[Hook]

I'm feeling good like, yeah, I'm feeling good like,

[Verse 2]

What if you looked past the delusion?
What if you saw the solution sitting right inside of you?
Your heart is a lamp, let the light shine through,
What if you took back your life?
What if you let the rays of truth light up the night?
What if you cracked the shackles? freed your soul up,
What if you became a pure channel? A hollow reed from which the pith of self hath been blown,
What if you surrendered your will to the Will of a Higher Power, building a heavenly home?
What if? yeah yeah, What if? yeah yeah yeah,
What if you blocked out those siren voices beckoning you to make all the wrong choices?
Got my eyes on the real prize, ditching the distractions, I'm alive,

[Hook]

Feeling good like, yeah, I'm feeling good like,
Feeling good like, yeah, I'm feeling good like,

[Verse 3]

What if there's more to being a youth than living wild and free?
That story is a spoof, being popular and cool, or getting good grades,
What use is it all? What if it was all in vain?
All that power and vigor and energy being stolen, What if you became awoken?
Can't steal me from my purpose, I'm steeled for life of service,

[Hook]

Feeling good like, yeah, I'm feeling good like,
Feeling good like, yeah, I'm feeling good like,
What if?

Remix of "YOUTH" by Troye Sivan

For Original Song & Lyrics:

Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XYAghEq5Lfw>

Lyrics: <https://genius.com/Troye-sivan-youth-lyrics>

3) Drop It

[Intro]

Ay, yo, check this out right here, ay yo,
It goes it E-G-O, yo,
E-G-O, yo, check this out right,

[Verse 1]

You do you, and imma do me,
Cuz I'm number one, that's how it's gotta be,
D to the T to the A what's that mean?
Don't trust anybody, hey,
My team is just M-E, I dropped the T-A,
I'm the star of the show, that's just how I play,
Y to the O to the L to the O yeah you only live once,
Other suckas got to go, oh,
This is an E-G, of your E-G-O, K-O,
Man it's knockin' out your soul, whoa!
Keeps insisting this thing's persisting,
You try resisting but it never quits see,
It's ya ego, A-K-A,
The insistent self, and it's working all day,
But that is not your true I-D, see,
So drop it like it's hot if you a true O-G, ay!

[Hook]

What is evil?
That's that Ego, drop it, drop it,
Self deceitful,
That's your ego, drop it, drop it,
Soul's asleep oh,
Hey dawg, I think it's time to wake up...
Prison of self that's the greatest prison,
So stop and drop the ego, if you wanna be free yo!

[Verse 2]

You aint no good, aint no point in even trying,
D.I.Y? Hah, why you lying to yourself,
FYI, boy, think you really need some help,
You aint nothing but a big ole L,
O-S to the E-R, should take you to the E-R,
I think you lost your mind, your life is sadder than Eeyore,
And you will never be more, than pitiful, pathetic,
You aint nothin but a failure, don't you get it?
This is part of you E-G-O,
It's your lower nature and it's killing your soul,
D-I-E, ie, R-I-P, me vs. me, can't you see?
That your ego is the enemy,
Take that energy flip it over to your inner me,
Let it shine reflecting divinity,
Give your soul up to the G-O-D, hey,

[Hook]

What is evil?
That's that ego, drop it, drop it,

Self deceitful,
That's your ego, drop it, drop it,
Soul's asleep oh,
Check that ego, drop it,
Prison of self that's the greatest prison,
So stop and drop the ego, if you wanna be free yo!

[Verse 3]

Listen up, K? N-O to the double you,
That's how you K-N-O-W the true you,
That's the answer to the puzzle you've been trying to solve that troubles you, ooo,
Human beings, physical plus spiritual,
When we subtract the spiritual we become egotistical,
And that is just despicable, a wayward individual,
But thank God it is fixable, that's what I spit these lyrics for,
So, feed your S-O-U-L,
Without it U is left feeling S-O-L,
Not talking 'bout the sun, spirit covered in veils,
When ego prevails, that's the prison of self,
E-V-I-L, I'm not talking 'bout Satan,
It's when you drop your soul and your ego is awakened,
Keep the former, drop the latter, or you will be sorry kids,
Life without the soul is H-E-Double hockey sticks,

[Hook]

What is evil?
That's that ego, drop it, drop it,
Self deceitful,
That's your ego, drop it, drop it,
Soul's asleep oh,
Check that ego, drop it,
Prison of self that's the greatest prison,
So stop and drop the ego, if you wanna be free yo!

[Outro]

"Today, all the peoples of the world are indulging in self-interest and exert the utmost effort and endeavour to promote their own material interests. They are worshipping themselves and not the divine reality, nor the world of mankind.."

"Today the confirmations of the Kingdom of Abha are with those who renounce themselves, forget their own opinions, cast aside personalities and are thinking of the welfare of others. Whosoever has lost himself has found the universe and the inhabitants thereof. Whosoever is occupied with himself is wandering in the desert of heedlessness and regret. The "master-key" to self-mastery is self-forgetting. The road to the palace of life is through the path of renunciation."

Remix of "Drop It Like It's Hot" by Snoop Dogg & Pharrell

For Original Song & Lyrics (WARNING** Explicit Content):**

Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cuJQMYczLr8>

Lyrics: <https://genius.com/Snoop-dogg-drop-it-like-its-hot-lyrics>

4) Don't Look At Me

[Intro]

"Humanity is not perfect. There are imperfections in every human being, and you will always become unhappy if you look toward the people themselves..."

[Verse 1]

If you only knew what my life was like behind your view,
Green tomatoes splattering all over feeling like a poser,
See I claim to be a man of God,
You're probably looking at me thinking I'm a good example living like an angel but I'm feeling like a devil every moment that I ponder all these evil doings in my heart,
My blood boileth in my veins,
Heart melteth within me, withering in shame,
My back is bowed by the burden of my sins,
As I fall to the ground destroyed by my heedlessness and my weaknesses hidden underneath my skin,

[Chorus]

If you only knew, if you only knew, what was true, look away, I'm ashamed, don't look at me,
If you only knew, if you only knew, what was true, look away, I'm ashamed, don't look at me,

[Verse 2]

If you only knew what I'm going through, betchya never knew that,
I struggle with depression, I could lose my cool at any moment flooded with emotions,
No control I feel like I'm in outer space, like I'm outta whack, like I'm outta place,
In a black hole sucking all my light, like I don't wanna be alive,

[Interlude]

"Let your eyes be directed toward the kingdom of truth and not toward the world of creation. Love the creatures for the sake of God and not for themselves."

[Verse 3]

If you only knew I'm trying to play it cool, putting up a front like,
Got my stuff together, nice guy, feeling fake like a denture, no lie,
Wear a mask like fencer, can't hide, feeling bare like a dessert inside,
Play it off like a jester, real sly, but I'm sick like a leper, here's why,
Every day I disappoint and as I point a finger at a reason I am seeing all the other fingers pointin' back at me and then I see how truly low I really am I gotta take my vision off all of my faults, I am a man of the world,
I'm debased, I am selfish, I am low, I am wicked, I am gross, I'm indecent,
Yeah you already know that,

[Chorus]

If you only knew, if you only knew, what was true, look away, I'm ashamed, don't look at me
If you only knew, if you only knew, what was true, look away, I'm ashamed, don't look at me

[Verse 4]

If you only knew what is hiding in my closet,
You would need an osteologist to deal with all of the skeletons
That are dancing in the dark as I work through one gotta another one waiting in queue,
My head has been so conditioned, where's the shampoo?

[Chorus]

If you only knew, if you only knew, what was true, look away, I'm ashamed, don't look at me
If you only knew, if you only knew, what was true, look away, I'm ashamed, don't look at me

[Verse 5]

Phallocentric, misogynistic, racist, prejudiced, mind so twisted,
Self-centered, sexist, materialistic, ethnocentric, individualistic,
Irritable, impatient, grudgeful, cynic, eye like a sharpshooter critic critic,
Watch for my crosshairs, critic critic, sizing you up like a weight gain clinic,
When I think, of my faults, I just want, to vanish, from the world, disappear, yeah,
Breathe not sins, of others, so long as, thou art a, sinner, it is clear, yeah,
As I scope out the speck in your eye, fail to notice the log stuck in mine,
Got my jurisdiction messed up with the Judge who is ruling on High, yeah,
Judge not, you will not be judged,
Judge others and you'll hear the thud of the gavel reigning down from the realm above,
Look away cuz,
If you only knew, if you only knew, what was true, look away, I'm ashamed, don't look at me
Redirect and what do I see? Critical thoughts are melting away,
Auto correct my mentality to forget where they're at and recall whence they came, yeah,
Love them for the sake of God,
Love yourself for the sake of God,
And seal my sins and secrets up like a confidant, yeah,

[Chorus]

If you only knew, if you only knew, what was true, look away, I'm ashamed, don't look at me
If you only knew, if you only knew, what was true, look away, I'm ashamed, don't look at me

[Outro]

"The eye that covers faults looks toward the Creator of souls. He created them, trains and provides for them, endows them with capacity and life, sight and hearing; therefore, they are the signs of His grandeur."

Remix of "Look At Me Now" by Chris Brown, Busta Rhymes, and Lil' Wayne

For Original Song & Lyrics (WARNING** Explicit Content):**

Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gyLR4NfMil>

Lyrics: <https://genius.com/Chris-brown-look-at-me-now-lyrics>

5) Made It Out

[Intro]

Haha, chyeah, let's get it, yo,

[Verse 1]

All these forces, surrounding me,
Grabbing at me, pushing and pulling me all around like gravity,
I'm telling you man like honestly, it's kind of sad to see,
All this depravity, calamities,
Civilization leaping over the bounds of moderation,
Beauty on the outside, rotten underneath, society looking like a cavity,
Immersed in a sea of materialism, when you're swimming it's all good,
But without your boat it's really a material prison, missing the spiritual foundation,
Sinking sinking, walking through life, no prayer, no praise, no devotion, unphased,
We don't need God,
I was living with this mindset, following the blind not blinking,
Then I got to thinking, let me sidestep,

[Hook]

I made it out, can't weigh me down,
I made it out, I made it out, I'm shouting loud, uh, yeah,
I made it out, can't weigh me down,
I made it out, I made it out, I'm shouting loud,

[Verse 2]

Poppin pills like their skittles,
Poppin bottles like it's kool aid,
Treating women like objects,
Hit it and quit it and smash and dash it like she is just a piece of meat you can treat like a treat,
Well trick or treat, but this aint Halloween,
This pornographic fantasy will leave you feeling hollow as a teen watching scenes on the screen that
are simply obscene,
Consuming these movies like it was candy but it was really a carcinogen,
Cancerous curriculum eating away at the innocence and purity of my spirit,
And feeling used and abused, cuz the trick is on you,
I'm taking back my nobility, so I can say...

[Hook]

I made it out, can't weigh me down,
I made it out, I made it out, I'm shouting loud, uh, yeah,
I made it out, can't weigh me down,
I made it out, I made it out, I'm shouting loud, uh yeah,
I made it out, you can't weigh me down,
Cuz I made it out, I made it out, and I'm shouting loud,

[Verse 3]

Heedless, my generation needs this message,
The racial prejudice of our nation has got me speechless, squeamish, sleepless nights,
Wondering if I am living in a melting pot or in a powder keg,
Xenophobic bottleneck, corrosive bigotry seeking power getting louder and louder,
Looking up ahead, race is a man made illusion,
Black to brown to white, shades of human, I'm illumined,

[Hook]

I made it out, can't weigh me down,
I made it out, I made it out, I'm shouting loud, uh, yeah,
I made it out, can't weigh me down,
I made it out, I made it out, I'm shouting loud,

[Verse 4]

You aint cheating, then you aint trying,
Teach deceit compete to beat defeat,
Cuz the meek are weak, the key to be elite,
Is to crush the competition by any means necessary,
That's how we do, me over you,
I do what I gotta do to get that W,
Cuz all I do is win win win, that's how you play,
But life is not a game,
So why you still frontin?
When it's game over, there aint no reset button! Thank God that I...

[Hook]

I made it out, can't weigh me down,
I made it out, I made it out, I'm shouting loud, uh, yeah,
I made it out, can't weigh me down,
I made it out, I made it out, I'm shouting loud, uh yeah,
I made it out, you can't weigh me down,
Cuz I made it out, I made it out, and I'm shouting loud,

Remix of "I Made It" by Kevin Rudolf, Birdman, Lil' Wayne, and Jay Sean

For Original Song & Lyrics (WARNING** Explicit Content):**

Song: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F_7baOCYg-Q

Lyrics: <https://genius.com/Kevin-rudolf-i-made-it-cash-money-heroes-lyrics>

6) True Friend

[Intro]

Yeah, it's a word we throw around a lot these days,
Sometimes I'm not even sure we really know what it means,
Yeah, uh, yo, yeah, yo

[Verse 1]

928, that's how many friends it says I got on my page,
They come around once in awhile, hit me up on my birthday,
HBD they exclaim, cuz exclamation marks are how you indicate your love,
Without one it feels like you don't care bruh,
And if you type two or three or four or five, hah, it's a jubilee, blows your mind,
It makes you smile when they flash you a thumbs up,
Someone left a thoughtful comment, now you dumbstruck,
Eyes twinkling, feeling so special,
Size of your friends list, keep it growing, never settle,
Keep the pedal to the metal, request request, accept accept,
Obsessed obsessed, except the fact that friends are not something that you possess,
Just by clicking a button that's why you're still feeling upset,
Cuz the feeling you get when someone likes one of your pics, elated,
But then you see that it's just a pixelated fantasy, colors on a screen,
Now you're jaded, true friends, or am I playing pretend?

[Hook]

True friends are hard to find, sometimes I feel so alone,
When you have a true friend at your side, in your heart you know, you know,
It's about ain't about only laughing and having fun, a true friend wants to help you grow,
True friends always make you smile, and help you see that nothing's impossible,

[Verse 2]

Maybe that was a little harsh,
I'm not trying to sound like your granny smith, kinda tart,
Like kids these days, always staring at their phones,
Wish they'd leave the phones at home, can't hold a conversation,
Only care about themselves, remember the good ole' days,
Kiss those times farewell,
Well, there's a little truth in that sentiment,
But I'm not saying there's something inherently wrong with social networking,
I got love for my Facebook fam, and all my homies on Instagram,
But when you'd rather send a message to someone a hundred miles away,
Than show love to the person right next to you,
You've gone as mad as the hatter, took the ladder down the rabbit hole,
Let me bring the focus back into view,

[Hook]

True friends are hard to find, sometimes I feel so alone,
When you have a true friend at your side, in your heart you know, you know,
It's about ain't about only laughing and having fun, a true friend wants to help you grow,
True friends always make you smile, and help you see that nothing's impossible,

[Verse 3]

I hope I'm not sounding too critical,
Cuz truth be told, I'm trying to learn how to be a true friend to others too,
Don't want to be hypocritical,

That's a bugaboo buckaroo, see,
The imperfect eye beholds imperfections,
The I'm perfect lie, well that's an infection,
Caused by lack of self-reflection,
Your eyes are looking in the wrong direction,
So when you start to notice the faults in other people just take a second,
And then remind where yourself where that human being came from,
The All-Powerful, Almighty, All-Knowing Creator,
The God of Perfection, Clemency, and Mercy,
The All-Forgiving, All-Generous, All-Loving God,
We need spiritual nourishment, support, assistance, and encouragement,
True friends give us courage when,
We're serving and our fears make us want to hide away like hermit then,
Your friends, they give you a hand, your fears start to melt away,
You feel determined again, true friends they're a godsend,
Cuz God is a better friend than I am to myself, can I get Amen?

[Hook]

True friends are hard to find, sometimes I feel so alone,
When you have a true friend at your side, in your heart you know, you know,
It's about ain't about only laughing and having fun, a true friend wants to help you grow,
True friends always make you smile, and help you see that nothing's impossible,
Whoa, help you see that nothing's impossible,
Whoa, help you see that nothing's impossible,

Remix of "Best Friend" by 50 Cent

For Original Song & Lyrics (WARNING** Explicit Content):**

Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-Zw5A5NDLI>

Lyrics: <https://genius.com/50-cent-best-friend-lyrics>

7) The Bottom

[Intro]

The world is a scary place. With each passing day, the grim clouds of darkness and destruction grow ever stronger. Violence, famine, and poverty ravage the downtrodden, leaving their helpless victims crippled, while a callous and apathetic humanity watches the horror unfold...

[Verse]

Let me tell you what I see, I'm in a strange land, place looks like a horror scene,
You can call it third world,
I just saw a little girl watch her brother blown to smithereens,
Every kid packin heat, holding semi-automatics little homies barely in their teens,
Now I'm walking down the street,
Kids dying of starvation man that look of hunger's killing me,
Then I open up a door, walk into a room and all I see are prostitutes,
In the corner is a toy, shock on my face at the sight of little boy,
I can't take it anymore, rush back outside can't fathom what the pain is for,
Then I bump into a man, look down at his shirt part white part crimson red,
He was wet to the touch, feeling sick to my stomach realized he was soaked in blood,
But he didn't bat an eye, confusion in my mind, next sight had me horrified,
As I walk into the square, middle of the town dead bodies lying everywhere,
What the hell is going on, I'm about to pass out, but I'm trying to remain calm,
I'm about to pass out, but I'm trying to remain calm,
I'm about to pass out, but I'm trying to remain calm,
Then it hit me like a train, must be going out my mind or my brain got me seeing things,
So I start to take it back, I rewind to the start and I give that scene a second pass,
Little sister in her living room,
Saw her brother take the blast then the speakers made a big boom,
Battleground was on a color screen,
Kids are pulling triggers but the guns are on the TV,
Sit at school waiting for that bell to ring, 6th graders running home headed straight to the warzone,
That's when I see the poverty, kids starving for attention but their parents playing absentee,
Stomachs big plenty food to eat,
That look of hunger on their face was being caused by a different need,
They aint getting any love, and there aint no one to guide them, they keep saying their too busy,
So the kids are fendin for themselves,
That little boy in the room kissed his innocence farewell,
Even though he was all alone, pure soul getting poisoned by them X-rated videos,
Now I'm back to the bloody T, homie bought it on sale,
Blind to the other side of retail, Business operating in the red even though they making profit,
Guess the devil's in the details,
Return to the square, bodies look alive, so I take a closer look, what I saw got me shook,
People shopping, yeah their pockets plenty large, ,but they're dead to the spirit, no love in their hearts,
We say we're number one, but we're really on the bottom,
Didn't notice that we'd fallen, didn't notice that we'd fallen,
Acting like we're on the top, man we putting on a show but we can't escape the problems,

Remix of "Started From The Bottom" by Drake

For Original Song & Lyrics (WARNING** Explicit Content):**

Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RubBzkZzpUA>

Lyrics: <https://genius.com/Drake-started-from-the-bottom-lyrics>

8) Eternal

[Verse 1]

Huh, it's kinda crazy, feels like the other day I was just a baby,
Time flies, the years pass by, no lie, we all grow old like Ms. Daisy,
But this society that raised me seems so afraid, see,
Cuz when you call a person old, it's like a curse word,
It's like the worst word, it's like the stick me in a casket drive me off in a hearse word,
Gray hairs make you wanna dye, and them wrinkles on our forehead leave you feeling paralyzed, after
you hit 'em with a little botox,
Advertisers round the clock, telling you let's turn back the clock,
Tick tock, tick tock, let me clock you with my spotlight,
Stop the clock, pump the brakes like a stoplight,
The way we think about time's all wrong, messed up, it's erroneous, I call that counter clockwise, uh
I call that counter clockwise,
I call that counter clockwise,
If you thought you're just flesh,
If you thought your time was up after you take your last breath,
It's like your watch lied
Life is more than the chances of this world, true life is the life of the soul,
So now you know, getting old ain't scaring me, cuz I know my soul is living life eternally,

[Chorus]

Cuz I know my soul is living life eternally,
Yeah, cuz I know my soul is living life eternally,
Now you know, getting old ain't scaring me
Cuz I know my soul is living life eternally,

[Verse 2]

I: One syllable, one sound, two horizontal lines running parallel bound by a pillar down the middle,
same symbol representing the most perfect Roman numeral: one,
Before we reach this station, our soul originates from the spiritual worlds of perfection, no beginning, no
end, just like a circular dot, but then at the time of conception, whether you're ready or not, your soul
connects to the embryo, which is more like a box, locked in by material laws, but then this dot and and
this box capitalize, together they are drawn, to become one, to become I, I am a human being, but this
only lasts a mortal life,
My physical body remains in the world below, acting like a mirror reflecting my soul, uh
Until that day finally comes when it's time to return, body to the world of dust,
As our soul yearns to come home to the spiritual realms, like a stream to the ocean,
Light ray back to the sun,
We all come from God, and unto Him we return, death offereth life indeed,
So now you know, getting old ain't scaring me, cuz I know my soul is living life eternally,

[Chorus]

Cuz I know my soul is living life eternally,
Yeah, cuz I know my soul is living life eternally,
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Cuz I know my soul is living life eternally,

[Bridge]

*"...concerning the state of the soul after its separation from the body. Know thou, of a truth, that if the
soul of man hath walked in the ways of God, it will, assuredly, return and be gathered to the glory of the
Beloved. By the righteousness of God! It shall attain a station such as no pen can depict, or tongue
describe. The soul that hath remained faithful to the Cause of God, and stood unwaveringly firm in His*

Path shall, after his ascension, be possessed of such power that all the worlds which the Almighty hath created can benefit through him."

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Remix of "Closer" by The Chainsmokers & Halsey

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|---------------------|--|-----------------|
| 1) Gotta Tell ‘Em | “Don’t Tell ‘Em” by Jeremih | Karim Rushdy |
| 2) What If | “Youth” by Troye Sivan | |
| 3) Drop It | “Drop It Like It’s Hot” by Snoop Dogg & Pharrell Williams | |
| 4) Don’t Look At Me | “Look At Me Now” by Chris Brown, Busta Rhymes, & Lil’ Wayne | |
| 5) Made It Out | “I Made It” by Kevin Rudolf, Birdman, Lil’ Wayne, and Jay Sean | |
| 6) True Friend | “Best Friend” by 50 Cent & Olivia | |
| 7) The Bottom | “Started From The Bottom” by Drak | |
| 8) Eternal | Closer by The Chainsmokers & Halsey | |