

# Common, Kingdom (ft. Vince Staples)

I do dirt, in search of a clear mind  
Money talk, somebodies gonna hear mine  
Grind early before 9:30  
Got the nine and the thirty  
Kiss of death, you heard me?  
My world ain't worldly, any time could be my time  
I get high, but still ain't seen Chicago skyline  
In my prime, stakes is high cause it's beef  
Out here in these streets  
Everybody tryna eat off the same plate  
Dead presidents, we want the same face  
And to think, me and the president, we from the same place  
4 hundred and 21 murders, ain't tryna be of the same fate  
If I die and go to heaven, will I make it through the main gate?

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Second row of the church with my hood on  
My homie used to rap, he was about to get put on  
At his funeral, listening to this church song  
His family yelling and screaming, I hurt for 'em  
A cold world that's why we pack heaters  
Listening to this preacher as he tryna reach us  
I'mma need to go back, I gots to get 'em  
Back and forth in these streets, that's the rhythm  
Revenge is supposed to be the Lord's but I use my own accord  
When I seen him on the porch, cost my man his life, I can't afford not to hit him  
Shots ripping through his True Religion denim  
These streets was my religion  
I stood over him, his life is over then  
Now these keys got me locked up with older men  
Thought these was the keys for me to roll a Benz  
They ended up being the keys for my life to end

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(And the streets say)  
(And the people say)  
(And we all say)  
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My money ain't straight, my fam ain't straight  
Ain't wanna push kis, heaven couldn't wait  
I was hurtin', couldn't get no work  
You created me from dust, that's why I did dirt  
You said that the last shall be first  
Now I'm in a hearse, what's this cash really worth?  
My whole life I had to worry about eatin'  
I ain't have time to think about what I believe in  
When the days of the kingdom for Chicago gon' come?  
I'm coming back like the Prodigal Son, and I got a son  
And I don't want my waves following him, the streets swallowing him  
And I don't want no hollows in him, his momma said she see his father in him

Hope it's the good things, 'til life was over is when I understood things  
Standing at the gates 'cause I know you've forgiven what I've done  
I'm your son, do I have the keys to get in?

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[Vince Staples:]

Sweet Lord Jesus, tell the polices to let a nigga breathe

My sinning father see, got a shipment by the seas

See my niggas tryna eat, eat whatever's on your plate

Save some for me, the worst things in life come sitting six feet

Tryna hop the gate to heaven 'cause I couldn't get a key

But these niggas play for keeps and I gotta hold my own

Tryna watch my back 'cause these stripes ain't free

We still wading in the water, cocaine, blunts, marinating in the water

Lean and took a puff and then she gave it to my father

Used to take the bullets out so I could play with the revolver

Satan serenading ever since I was a toddler

Tell 'em talk is cheap, niggas living for the dollar

So in God we trust, leave the praying to my momma though

Another motherfucker out of control, just walking my soles low

Lit up with the abuse, they wasn't for show, I promise every pistol was used

See I was waking up afraid to see my name on the news

Broad day, bare faced, giving niggas the blues

Nigga who you? They know me on the streets where I grew

If you ain't from around here you get gunned down here

Make the best from the least on the quest for them keys

To the kingdom

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