

# Jay-Z, If I Should Die

(feat. Da Ranjahz (Half Dead & Mais))

[Jay-Z]

Come on...life...death...here...gone...Yo

If I should die don't cry my niggas  
just ride my niggas bust bullets in the sky my niggas  
And when I'm gone don't mourn my niggas  
get on my niggas when it's real  
say word to Shawn my niggas  
If I should die [\*echoes\*]

Don't cry my niggas it's been one hell of a ride my niggas  
in the middle of the trial I flip pies my niggas  
I did joints with Mary J. Blige my niggas  
I've eluded the coppers got booted with Big Poppa  
Skated through with the Ceasar Picadas  
At high school got head by the lockers  
gassed the baddest girl in the class to show me her knockers  
rocked jewels dropped school still didn't fail  
rhymes still written well hold court in the street  
never sit in the cell for a second then I'm gettin' my bail  
shoot it out with the bounty hunters fuck  
sittin' in the county for summers if they should down me  
everybody around us become one for that day  
to live life get your shit right & play  
Don't get it twisted like rays if I miss that's ok  
but life's short don't miss a day uhh

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[Wais]

...don't cry my niggas  
it's been one hell of a ride my niggas  
say word to Wais my niggas  
when I'm gone don't mourn my niggas  
just keep gettin' it on my niggas  
say word is bond my niggas

I got a lot to look back on in '88  
got my crack on ten years later gettin' my rap on  
gettin' shorties like a thespian  
had an episode with two lesbians got a fetish for that  
drunk ginseng with Japanese chicks & pulled the root out  
squeeze my whole clip to survive shootouts  
been on both coasts fired all kinds of heat  
probably be kinda glad to leave these mean streets  
I got dead mens to meet and questions to fulfill  
like is that mystery God real?  
and how was Kennedy killed? I ain't mad  
I must've smoked a ton of reefer sipped Coronas  
with Latifah broke the code of Geneva  
I know when I reach the other side I'ma see the  
cat I had beef with who blood remains on my sneaker  
then it's on again if I could be born again  
I live my life through my son  
and tell him never have a friend  
just family reincarnated I'll show him the time  
that I waited to get paid tell him never be afraid

niggas hearts pump Kool Aid and yo blood run thicker  
never shed tears cry liquor my nigga

If I die don't cry my niggas  
it's been one hell of a ride my niggas  
say word to Wais my niggas  
when I'm gone don't mourn my niggas  
just keep bangin' these songs my niggas  
say word is bond my niggas  
If I die...

[Half Dead]  
...don't cry my niggas  
just stay gettin' high my niggas  
don't wonder why my niggas  
when I'm gone live on my niggas  
just follow my path my niggas  
say word to Half my nigga

I'm the aftermath of pleasure never die alone  
born to live forever through life's struggles  
I cut corners & took drastic measures  
see you niggas life expire right in front of me  
time could never mend what these cold streets  
mentally done to me too often I close my eyes  
and see my own coffin feelin' haunted ready to leave  
this world that I'm lost in my only chance  
to see the seeds I lost through abortion  
when I'm gone y'all niggas better not mourn  
keep flossin' as long as my name  
lives on what's most important  
I'll be down in hell scorchin' preparin' for life  
afterlife still torchin' & blazin' these mics  
It'd rain for 40 days & 40 nights  
& I'd return on the 3rd like Christ  
without my physical portion  
my spirit a poltergeist for sure  
I'll be back through the heist tomorrow  
blood over y'all fake niggas door  
What you thought? (huh)  
What you thought? (nigga)

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