

# Jay-Z, You Must Love Me

[Kelly Price (Jay-Z)]

Talking: Throughout my life (uh huh uh huh uh)  
no matter what I've done.(Right)  
You've been merciful and your love endureth (yeah)  
through all things (ye yeah) For that  
I am eternally grateful.

[Verse 1]

Since my date of birth  
bought you nothing but hurt  
play those video games  
stole change from ya purse  
Sat on the cold court bench  
'til I was arraigned in ya skirt  
Saw the pain in ya face  
through you maintained a smirk  
All you did was motivate me  
don't let 'em hold you back  
What I do I turned around  
and I sold you crack  
I was a bastard for that  
still I'm drowning in shame  
Just remember one thing now  
you're not to blame  
You was newly seperated  
tryin' to escape ya world  
and through my thirst  
I didn't help you  
I just made things worse  
I hated me and everybody  
that created crack  
Had me thinkin'  
the newest kicks and the latest gat  
Still haven't apologized  
so please play this back  
while I try to come to terms  
with such a heinous act  
you know in more than one way  
cocaine numbs the brain  
All I did was think about  
how the funds once came  
then I ran across this memory  
and it stung the brain  
How can you ever destroy the beauty  
from which one came  
That's a savage you're the reason  
why me and these beats make a marriage  
why I rhyme above average and  
I ain't shit  
Glad you got yourself together  
no thanks to me  
Strong and beautiful the way thangs should be  
You must love me

[Chorus (K. Price) (You must love me repeats in background)]

Say that you love me  
All I know say that you must love me.  
Ohh yeah

[Verse 2]

We used to fight every night  
but I never would suffer  
just smile my big brother's  
tryna make me tougher

As we grew fussing and fighting continued  
as I plundered through ya stuff  
and snuck ya clothes to school  
Got intense real intense  
as we got older  
Never believed it would lead  
to be popped in one in ya shoulda  
Where my rings? Knew you had it  
'cause you took too long  
as Mickey, Andy, and the girl that bought it looked on  
Huffin' and puffin' gun in my hand  
told you step outside  
Hoping you said no but you hurt my pride  
made our way down the steps  
maybe you thought it was just a threat  
or maybe ya life was just that crazy  
and you was beggin' for death  
try to justify this in my young mind  
but ya drillin' it  
and my ego hurt combined  
drove me berzerk  
Saw the devil in your eyes  
high off more than weed  
confused I just closed  
my young eyes and squeezed  
What a sound  
opened my eyes just in time  
to see ya stumbling to the ground  
Damn what the fuck I done now  
runnin' around in a circle  
thinking I'm assed out  
hot gun burnin' my waist  
ran straight to Jazz' house  
Like a stranger damn I just shot my nigga  
and ran off into the night as if it was not my nigga  
Left the scene how could I go out that way  
Still you asked to see me in the hospital ya next day  
You must love me.

[Chorus (You must love me repeats in background)]  
What after all the wrong I've done  
I know you must

[Verse 3 (Starts over last line of chorus)]  
Everything in my power and within my frame  
to protect you from this life and  
keep you away from the game  
But you was one of the few people  
that I can trust  
and the fact of the matter I slang  
these pies for us  
You put the pressure on me dearly  
rarely would you let it go  
Was a thousand and one times  
I had to tell you no  
When it was one of those days  
when nobody was around  
and I needed emergency trip  
out of town  
Searched my mental rolodex  
for all the numbers I know  
As you stared in my face  
asking me could you go  
I'm agreed said sender  
everything'll go smooth

just tell her what to do  
and everything'll go through  
Strapped her body with them thangs  
as you boarded the plane  
Couldn't explain these strange feelings  
that I caught and the pain  
I'm thinkin' why would I send you  
when I knew it ain't right  
I'm thinkin' what would  
make you sacrifice ya life  
You must love me

[Chorus (You must love me repeats in background)]  
After everything that I've done wrong  
I know inside you must love me  
I know that you love me  
You showed me I know it  
I know  
Say that you love me  
say that you love me  
I know you must love me  
Oh yes you do  
Inside I know it  
you've always shown it  
you love me yea yeah  
Oh yeah  
I know that you love me