

# American Dream

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Ever since day one  
Somebody probably say you wouldn't be nothin'  
I bet they told you this over and over again on repeat like a re-run  
Nobody ever told you you could live up  
To anything you want, don't give up  
They rather tell you, you're destined for failure  
That's what they tell you  
But you just say  
What about Martin?  
What about Garvey?  
What about Rosa?  
What about Malcolm?  
What if somebody told they they wouldn't be nothin'  
And they believed this, think about the outcome  
Would we even be the way we are today?  
Even if it weren't, could have been a harder way  
Even though we lost a lot of people on the way  
Had to sacrifice to get us in a better place  
I hope you listen to these wizzords  
All they want us thinking about is sipping on some sizzurp  
And they got us thinking something better we don't deserve  
And that cha shouldn't try it's no use  
But that couldn't be further from the truth  
Don't believe them that's what they told me too  
When I was growing up (they told me)  
They told me (that I wouldn't make it too far)  
And when I got a little older  
(They told me) they told me, yeah(That I wouldn't be anything)That's what they told me, they  
told me, they told me  
When we were little ones  
That's what they told me, they told me, they told me  
We're supposed to be kings and queens  
That's what they told me, they told me, they told me  
When we don't believe them  
That's what they told me, they told me, they told me  
Trying to live the American DreamThey say the ballers and celebrities  
as a reminder of the people that would never be  
Jealousy got them sick without a remedy  
Thinking when I die nobody's gon remember me  
I was told that nobody care  
So the dreams that I had turned to nightmares  
its this thing called life really ain't fair

Need help but it ain't there  
So ya kno its really hard to stay dedicated  
When the ballers screaming they was never educated  
On the come up getting high just to medicate  
Cause the teachers just told him he would never make it  
Now he feeling like he made it cause he stuck in paper  
But probably won't let him spend the money later  
Nobody ever told us we could be greater  
Everybody on the grind aint a paper chaser  
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(That's what they told me, they told me, they told me)  
They'd rather see me dead, never gonna make it  
(That's what they told me, they told me, they told me)  
They'd rather see me fail, never gonna be anything  
(That's what they told me, they told me, they told me)  
They'd rather see me in jail, you're never gonna be shit  
(That's what they told me, they told me, they told me)  
Everybody die, you ain't shit  
(That's what they told me, they told me, they told me)  
But not everybody lives, but i know that somehow  
(I told you you was gonna make it)  
We can make it out of this  
When did you tell me shit?  
You just gotta tell yourself  
That somehow I'ma make it

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