

# Castle Walls (feat. Christina Aguilera)

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Everyone thinks that I have it all  
But it's so empty living behind these castle walls  
These castle walls  
If I should tumble if I should fall  
Would any one hear me screaming behind these castle walls  
There's no-one here at all, behind these castle walls  
Observing the estate through the gate from the outside looking in  
Bet you would think I got it made, better look again  
I got butler, got a maid, and a mansion  
The belief is that I'm living out a millionaires fantasy  
With phantoms and Ferrari's in the driveway  
But you see the pain and the change of the sane man's sanity  
Your vision jaded by the grammy's on the mantelpiece  
Just switch your camera lenses you would see the agony  
Apparently it's damaging the man you see before you  
On the canvas he may seem alright but all the disadvantages his family  
Encounters overshadows his extravagance  
Walk in my nikes while I dare you woulda scare you  
While it really seem like the kings life's ain't glamorous  
As seen through the eyes of untrained amateurs  
Because the camera don't see beyond the walls of the smiles  
Only counts until it falls in the pile  
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Honestly to me, I think I'd lose every benefit of all that I've accomplished  
If my kids never went through shit  
Me knowing this, why should the verses I have laid  
Be more important to me than the persons I have raised  
I guess I'm saying that to say that opportunity  
But they just don't equate to all the time they take away  
From the kids all the shit I did right is a mistake  
If deyjah end up a stripper and major slinging yay  
How could I ever consider myself a great  
If messiah ain't paid and nique nique ain't straight  
Would your favorite song about the whips, money and shit  
Be relevant if you found out, the money wasn't real, nope  
So me being the goat shouldn't mean more to me  
Than see it to a king though  
From a bad ass kid to man with some dough  
Otherwise I may well have stayed poor

So while they stay focused on me beefin with flip  
 Shawty low, Gucci or Ludacris  
 Or if I'm fucking with a hoe  
 Did I snitch when I got arrested or will I die over nonsense  
 Internally I'm dealing with this conflict  
 So excuse me if I don't get the chance to kiss the hand  
 that slap me in the face, ay I'm just a man  
 If they saying I ain't the best at making hit records  
 It's cause this my life these ain't just rapping  
 shit, you think of that deep, did ya dawg  
 See you can't see the castle through the walls till it falls  
 Bitch ain't thinking with the deep, did ya dog  
 Cause see you can't see the castle through the walls till it falls Everyone thinks that I have it all  
 But it's so empty living behind these castle walls  
 These castle walls  
 If I should tumble if I should fall  
 Would any one hear me screaming behind these castle walls  
 There's no-one here at all, behind these castle walls Nobody knows I'm all alone  
 Living in this castle made of stone  
 They say that money is freedom but I feel trapped inside it all  
 And while I sit so high up on a throne  
 I wonder how I can feel this low  
 On top of the world is beautiful  
 But there's no place to fall For the record ay, I give a damn if I never said shit again  
 My career was meant for me to come and tell it  
 Honest interpretation of how affected I'm faced with  
 Matters most rappers used to keep locked away in the basement  
 The day that I walk away that I ain't saying that I'm amazing  
 Down playing the way I keep fellas from catching cases  
 Won't take into consideration how much it mean what I'm saying  
 And when I say what I mean even when I'm surrounded by the fakers  
 From one of the greatest centers, blessed with most of God's graces  
 Who made his way amongst the greatest from the grimiest places  
 So next time you rating royalty, I'm always being given to recordings than the level  
 Of your loyalty, obvious you've been ignoring me  
 Who else ya seen make it through the storm, unharmed disjointed  
 While all the critics was looking for prince charming  
 Disregarded the king of the south raised doubt  
 Even though he made a castle out of used to be a house  
 He did shit that all your favorites rappers only rap about  
 But most of y'all don't see the castle through the walls  
 And the smiles till it falls in piles so while... Everyone thinks that I have it all  
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