

# Paid My Dues

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Clicks, clicks, clicks, they'll do anything to get a few  
Tick, tick, tick, that's the sound before my head explodes  
Quit, quit, quit, look at you up on your pedestal  
Quick, quick, quick, here the critics come, it's time to go I read your article, it kinda hurt me  
I don't know who hired you  
Or what your friends say in your circle  
But the fact that you released it  
Tells me two things are for certain  
They get paid for trashing people  
I get paid 'cause I stay working  
Dropped 'The Search' and  
They emerge up outta nowhere  
To the surface, just to peep behind the curtain  
Throwing salt at all my burdens  
I'm aware I shouldn't give this my attention  
Life's a journey, I should just stay on my path  
And learn to laugh, you think they heard me?  
Ears are burning, put me out  
Quiet, quiet, look around  
Why don't they find someone way more  
Interesting to write about?  
Us, we're kinda boring, aren't we?  
All we do is whine and pout  
It's confusing, so amusing  
How I argue with myself  
Hello  
I spit it was ease so leave it to me  
Doubted, but you better believe  
I'm on a rampage, hit 'em, with the record release  
Depending the week, I'm probably gonna have to achieve  
Another goal, let me go and I'm over the beat  
I go into beast mode like I'm ready to feast  
I'm fed up with these thieves tryna get me to bleed  
They wanna see me take an L, yep, see what I mean?  
How many records I gotta give you to get with the program?  
Take it for granted, I'm 'bout to give you the whole plan  
Open your mind up and take a look at the blueprint  
Debate if you gotta, but gotta hold it with both hands  
Pick at the bars, you gotta be smart  
You really gotta dig in your heart  
If you wanna get to the root of an issue  
Plus I'm in the middle, could be dark and be difficult

But they pay off at the end if it can help you to get to it  
Paid my dues, made it through  
Spread the news, I'm on the loose  
Make your moves, I need some room  
Though he's cool, well, don't assume, don't assume, ay  
I'm the truth, oh, they want some proof  
Fear it, don't be rude, something new  
Even when I lose, I make it look cool  
Do the show, then we hit the room  
Wife is looking, oh  
What to do? I don't need the shades up to like the view  
It's time to get back in the swing of things  
When my life crashes, I'm not the guy that'll flee the scene  
I'll take ownership and own it and raise my hand if it's me  
Just remember though, I'm only a man, I'm a human being  
Don't the see, shoot the breeze I'd rather just stay discrete  
People claim they're in your corner but leave you in times of need  
They don't listen do they? They don't listen to anything  
I'll accept advice if it's not presented ignorantly  
Look, costs are high, they multiply  
They cause divides are force the fight  
The poison I've been sipping on has quite the bite  
It killed me twice, they rigged the lights  
So y'all could see the parts of mine that aren't too bright  
See, often I apologise and authorise the awful times  
That pop up (Nate) like I'm right behind you  
I'd advise you not to try and climb inside the mind like I do  
Keep the rhyme book expedited, over nighted  
Hold the tide in, hope the time is on my side  
'Cause if it's not then I'll decide to override my own demise  
I toe the lone too close and I can improvise and empathise  
But recognise the fact that I could jeopardise and wreck your lives  
You better give me your attention, the undivided  
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