## Change

## J. Cole

My intuition is telling me there'll be better days Yeah, my intuition is telling me there'll be better days I like this tone Yeah, my intuition is telling me there'll be better days I sit in silence and find whenever I meditate My fears alleviate, my tears evaporate My faith don't deviate, ideas don't have a date But see I'm growing and getting stronger with every breath Bringing me closer to heaven's doors with every step As we speak I'm in peace, no longer scared to die Most niggas don't believe in God and so they terrified It's either that or they be fearing they gon' go to Hell Asking the father for forgiveness God, I'm overwhelmed (Please God, I want to go to Heaven) As if He's spiteful like them white folks that control the jail See I believe if God is real He'll never judge a man Because He knows us all and therefore he would understand The ignorance that make a nigga take his brother's life

The bitterness and pain that got him beating on his wifeI know you desperate for a change at the pen glide

Put the only real change some from inside

But the only real change come from inside
But the only real change come from inside
But the only real change come from
In cemeteries or in chains I see men cry

But the only real change come from insideBut the only real change come from inside But the only real change come from Yeah, my chosen religion

Jesus piece frozen from sinnin'

Doin' dirt hoping to God He know my intentions

To see a million 'fore I see a casket

I got a baby on the way know he gon' be a bastard I'm living fast like I'm in a drag race, how that cash taste

When I was a senior I was ballin' on my classmates

Niggas put three bullets in my car one hit the gas tank

Know I got a angel 'cuz I'm supposed to have a halo right now My lifestyle destined for a federal facility for my ability to make them birds fly

Fiends wanna get higher than a bird's eye view

And who am I tell a nigga what to do?

I just apply this economics my business ain't got the suit and tie

Keep a pistol at all times, niggas want what's mine

I can't oblige dog, I work too hard

So reach for it, get referred to God, I'm going hard niggaI know you desperate for a change at the pen glide

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But the only real change come from Yeah, prodigal son

Got a new gun, missed one

Don't run out of ammo lately been working on my handles

Can I ball, become a star, and remain my selfIf I fall, dust it off and regain my self

Fuck 'em all, they don't know all the pain I felt

I'm in awe, after all the fame I felt I evolve

I no longer bury demons

I be a vessel for the truth until I'm barely breathing, I'm singing

Life is all about the evolution

I give up, I give in, I move back a little

I live up, I look up, now I'm back for more

You can dream but don't neglect the execution

I give up, I give in, I move back a little

I live up, I look up, now I'm back for more

Time is short that's what somebody told meI give up, I give in, I move back a little

I live up, I look up, now I'm back for more

Too short to keep following your homies

I give up, I give in, I move back a little

I live up, I look up, now I'm back for more

I reminisce back to a time where niggas threw they hands

All of a sudden niggas pop a trunk and then we scram

Finger on trigger make a little nigga understand

What it's like to finally be the motherfuckin' man

Eyes wide that's from the power that the coward feelsNiggas die over bitches disrespecting dollar bills

Bloodshed that turned the city to a battlefield

I call it poison, you call it real

(Pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, pop)

That's how you feel

Pistols be poppin' and niggas drop in a heartbeat

Scattered like roaches, a body laid on the concrete

Body laid on the concrete

Look, somebody laid on the concrete

No time for that, ain't no lookin' back

'Cause I'm running too

I made it home, I woke up and turned on the morning newsOvercame with a feeling I can't explain

'Cause that was my nigga James that was slain, he was 22

(Last night at around...)

He was 22

(22 year old black male...)

We're gathered here today to mourn the life of James McMillan Jr

A tragedy, another tragedy in the black community

We got to do better, people

22 years old, this boy was too young

Our condolences go to his family, our prayers
We know he's in a better place, we know he's in a better place
But this has got to end, ladies and gentleman
We've got to come together, this is...
This is beyond words
I'd like to open this ceremony with a verse...

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