

"I" (2016) – Opening Song (Questions & Expectations)

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Form : CHORUS / VERSE / CHORUS

VERSE

Everything that I do I do for you
take out garbage, clean my room, even make the stew
you work hard at work? Know what - me too!
you expect me to be perfect... who knew

I get up in the morning and go off to school
Try my best but the teacher's really such a tool
Talkin bout "my potential". Ain't that cruel?
I feel like a droolin' fool.

After school I go play ball
My jumpshot like a waterfall
Everybody checkin me, wreckin me,
hoping they dissect me on the court. Just for sport.

Now I play a mean game.
But it's really not quite the same.
When your crew wants the fame of putting to shame
this other crews big game, based solely on yo last name!

So I say peace, and I'm outta there.
Eatin dinner with the parents is a whole affair
Asking me questions about my future is a nightmare
I don't need this depair

What will I do? Where will I go?
How much will I make?, is the question that my parents can't shake.
It's making me crazy, it's making me quake,
it's shaking up my head like a giant milkshake

(HALF-TIME) Everywhere I go, people asking things of me
expect the unexpected, is what they wanna see
so I just shut down and try and find some space
in my own mad mind where it's a safe safe place

(NORMAL TIME)

The moral of this story
That I need you to believe
Is that asking questions is a good thing
as long as there's some reprieve

Cuz we're gonna figure it out
as we roam through the verse
Being young and foolish
Isn't actually a curse

CHORUS

What makes me me
Why am I here
Who am I now
What will I fear

What can I learn
What will I teach
When will I pray
When will I preach

When will I speak
What do I know
What will I say
Where will I go

What makes us we
What makes us see
Are we still free
Am I still me