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THE CONTENT**



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## P R E L U D E

As we countdown another 365  
We are seeing a change in the tides  
    New day on the horizon  
Masking the ferries on the other side  
    Terrifying my insides  
As we struggle from being outside  
    Or not going outside  
Whether it's an internal or external battle  
    I feel like I've been a work horse  
    Being herded like cattle  
    Feeling like we're in a slaughter room  
As we have been fighting for our life for the last several months  
    With these masks  
    With this distance  
    With all of this I've been tired  
    Essentially over being categorized  
By the one thing that puts me on the line of duty  
    Every day  
    I'm tired of playing in this movie  
    2021 shall be different right?

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## 2020 TAUGHT ME

If January taught me anything  
To cherish new beginnings  
December's become so cold  
Tends to ruin the happy endings  
We tell ourselves resolutions  
And, people can be so condescending  
That when we afflict changes for better  
They think we're different  
February taught me to love  
And make the most of the moments  
As of now, it feels like we rent our emotions  
Back then, it was YOLO  
"you only live once" meant we really owned it  
And just like the signs of the times, we've outgrown it  
March and April taught me not to break  
Dealing with crisis after crisis served up on our plate  
This is not the stake that I was talking about with our lives  
This shit is not well done  
This shit is rare, us kids never seen this with our own eyes  
If May taught me anything, people can lead to their own demise  
Witnessing a country fall apart  
And the ones United rise  
Lines drawn  
And both sides with their eyes on the prize  
One side is for a revolution  
The other is for pride  
And at this rate June, July & August  
Taught us it was better to stay inside  
September through November taught me patience  
Changes are coming and we feel it  
We can't see it  
We want to taste it  
We hope for it  
And now we're in December again  
It's getting cold  
We're getting close to the happy endings  
I just hope this new beginning in January  
Starts like 'Once upon a Time' as in the fairytales  
But 2020 has taught me that's all in my imagination

### TOOK A CHANCE

Took a chance on me  
building my monopoly  
They thought my kindness was a chest  
A community robbing me  
thought they could take my love  
And in turn monogamy  
saw it for what it was  
I saw union was not for me

Walking down this path feet first  
So I don't get big headed  
these wasted relationships  
Been gone, they been deaded  
I been among the living proof  
One of a kind  
I been led it  
Don't ever mistake my pen for a pencil  
It's been leaded

Or been an inkwell  
Just know it's always flowing  
You could have all the direction  
And don't know where you going  
Leave the blueprint for them to tell people  
What I'm showing  
Give me my flowers while I'm here  
cuz right now I'm still growing

## OLYMPIA

Ariana was right  
We've been jumping through hoops all year  
To physically, mentally, emotionally  
Remain sane for entirety of 2020  
Olympic our actions  
As we have faced trials and tribulations  
That some people take for sport  
At the expense of our emotions  
See the torch sky high  
As we've traversed this year with flying colors  
No scratch that, colors flying  
One by one, we examine the blue is from all the crying  
A lot of events happened that led to a lot of people dying  
Summer months got real hot  
No wonder why we were seeing red  
A lot of innocent people bled  
A lot of unforgettable people dead  
Say their names  
It still echoes in my head  
Now, I see the green  
After this year we all need to be screened  
Our mental health has been significantly altered  
As nothing is what it seems  
2019, I went through a lot  
But 2020, the demons don't remain to be seen  
The bogeyman of COVID has made all of possible dreams  
become a nightmare  
Devil has been taking souls in a society that doesn't seem  
to care  
And now, we act in yellow  
Extreme caution with everything  
The difference the holidays bring  
Hoping that it all goes away when the ball drop rings  
We will carry the torch a little different going into 2021  
Lady liberty will too

## FACE OF MY CITY

Not the face of my city  
Been a while since I been litty  
    Been proud, not penny  
Might be an Oscar, be an Emmy  
You not heard of me, hmm pity

I been doing this consistently  
    Since the age of nine  
Had some bumps along the way  
    Been caught in a few binds  
    Time change, switched lanes  
And I see them lose they minds  
    Influenced my flow  
    Give and go  
And you swear it was a crime

Only lines I do is the paper  
    Party with my pen  
    No time for favors  
    No I don't owe you  
    No time for favors  
    Two hands  
    I say a prayer  
Get with the system  
    Oh you a player  
    Wanna get a check  
    Get the waiter  
    Wanna tip  
Don't be a hater

This your job  
    And I took it  
    Eyes open  
Made you look it  
    Locked in  
    Better book it  
I'm just warming up  
2021, yeah I'm cooking

## THE YEAR WE LIVED IN INFAMY

History books will be written  
The year we lived in infamy  
Where people couldn't show sympathy  
To the ones that showed empathy  
Exposed the true colors of those that considered me an enemy  
Cut off a few people whose views don't align  
Got no more time for that energy  
Back in May, showed us how divided we are  
Summer trends showed more people behind bars  
I trended in the summer, I showed people these bars  
And when they said I was doing too much  
I don't think I went too far  
Irresponsible with the country  
Too many chances before to close it  
Now we see our community poke they chests out  
Like they standing up to COVID  
They way some people think really is morbid  
Supposed to be distancing our space from one another yet  
some I don't want up in my orbit  
So tired from being essential  
When I essentially became consumed by the meaning  
Never think so many of us would take a beating  
We the local superheroes like the ones in the comics  
While some of you wanna stand up and throw tomatoes like we  
are the comics  
This shit ain't funny no more  
When this here becomes the after  
Things will never be like before  
So many choices now to make  
Scared to see what's in store  
Really hope COVID ends this world tour  
With the presale access on our lives  
We been paying for it all year  
And we still haven't met the price  
A lot of us are looking for some advice  
And now we look to 2021 to start over  
We're so easily enticed

## I LOVE ME

Last time I checked  
I'm the man in this shit  
Last time I checked  
I'm a make sure you don't forget  
You expecting me to forgive  
When all I did was let go and live  
Tired of the being stabbed in the back  
And giving you the shiv  
You crafted yourself into your own circle  
We been running in different ones for years  
And finally when you stand still I don't want to see no tears  
You made your point very loud  
You made it very clear  
Now your enveloped in your pretty little fears

I love me  
Can't give no one energy  
The light gonna shine  
Ain't no one dimming me  
Time to time I have it go off  
Just takes some electricity  
Reciprocation at its simplicity  
You was the one taking shots  
And now you stay missing me  
Asking about my whereabouts  
When you stayed dissing me  
Now you wonder why it's quiet  
when we been listening  
Enjoy your new life  
Thank yourself for the christening

## **LADY LIBERTY II**

Sun shines a little differently on Lady Liberty  
The light reflects off the tears that flow slowly from her eyes  
These are not tears of sorrow  
But tears of joy  
She turns and looks at her torch  
It's still burning  
Not as strong, but the embers are still igniting  
She grasps it tighter and extends her arm high in the air  
She looks off into the horizon with her head held high  
Change is coming

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See...

2020 was getting the best of me  
Multiple choices I could've took  
Consistently wanted to test me  
Passed every one, that's a light flex to me  
This year been weird  
Old flames wanna text me  
I reply thank you for the content

Hmmm...

I thank you for the content  
This year sold us short  
And right now my mind spent  
They wanted me to give up  
Last time I check that's not Lent  
Had so many plans changed  
But, I still managed to make a dent  
Ended my lease on a few things  
My soul ain't up for rent  
The clues was there for years  
Neither wanted to take a hint  
No growth without adversity  
What worked for you doesn't for me  
And sometimes it didn't work for you  
And that's fine it works for me  
My writing on the payroll  
And right now it works for me  
Peace and positivity  
The logic resonated in me  
My actions synonymy  
Whether you a friend or a kin to me  
We continue to cheers to success  
Keep filling to the brim for me  
And I'm a keep it at it till I'm done  
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