

"Can I Live?" by Nick Cannon

I'm talking, mom, I know the situation is personal  
But it's something that has to be told  
As I was making this beat  
You was all I could think about  
You heard my voice

Just think, just think...  
What if you could just, just blink yourself away?  
Just, just wait, just pause for a second  
Let me plead my case

It's the late seventies, you seventeen  
And having me, that will ruin everything  
It's a lot of angels waiting on their wings  
You see me in your sleep, so you can't kill your dreams

Three hundred dollars, that's the price of living?  
Mommy, I don't like this clinic  
Hopefully you'll make the right decision  
And don't go through with the knife decision

But it's hard to make the right move when you in high school  
Now you gotta work all day and take night school  
Hopping on the bus and the rain is pouring  
What you want, morning sickness or the sickness of mourning?  
Can I live?

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I'm a child of the King, ain't no need to go fear me  
And I see the flowing tears, so I know that you hear me  
When I move in your womb that's me being scary  
'Cuz who knows what my future holds?

The truth be told you ain't told a soul  
You ain't even showing, I'm just two months old  
Through your clothes try to hide me, deny me  
Went up three sizes

Your pride got you lying, saying ain't nothing but a migraine  
It ain't surprising you not trying to be in WIC food lines  
Your friends look at you funny, but look at you mommy  
That's a life inside, take a look at your tummy

What is becoming, Ma? I'm Oprah bound  
You can tell he's a star from the ultrasound  
Our spirits connected, doors open now,  
Nothing but love and respect, thanks for holding it down  
She let me live

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It's uplifting for real, y'all  
I ain't passing no judgment  
Ain't making no decisions  
I'm just telling y'all my story

I love life, I love my mother for giving me life  
We all need to appreciate life  
And a strong woman who had to make a sacrifice

Thanks for listening...  
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Momma, thanks for listening

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