

## Musikvideo: Dead and Gone fra albummet Paper Trail (Justin Timberlake og T.I. )

**Tema:** skyld og død, håb og opstandelse, om at miste en man har kær og om at finde vej, at vælge retning i livet.



Musikvideoen åbner med citatet fra Korinterbrevet (1.Kor.13.11), der kæder flere fortællinger sammen. *"Da jeg var barn, talte jeg som et barn, forstod jeg som et barn, tænkte jeg som et barn. Men da jeg blev voksen, aflagde jeg det barnlige."*

Man følger forsangeren Justin Timberlake, der sidder på en ørkenvej, spiller flygel og reflekterer over hvilken retning, han skal gå fremover, for han erkender, at der skal nye veje til i hans liv. Samtidig følger man T.I. (kunstnernavnet for den amerikanske rapper Clifford J, Harris), der kører gennem ørkenlandskabet i en 69 Camaro SS og mødes med Timberlake ved en korsvej. Ind imellem klippes der til det "gamle liv", som man ser som flashbackklip, en fortælling med baggrund i et gangster miljø, med overfald, kriminalitet, et skuddrama, der ender med et liv i kørestol og et liv bag tremmer. Hen imod slutningen, hvor begge sanger står ved korsvejen og kigger efter svar mod øst, vest, syd og nord, ses en række hurtige klip i sort og hvid med symbolske billeder (kirke, slange, præst, velsignelse) og ordene *good, evil, redemption*. Disse spørgsmål stiller nogle grundlæggende spørgsmål: hvad sker der, når vi dør? hvad gør vi, når vi er låst fast i vores liv? Hvordan får vi håbet tilbage?

Teksten handler om det søgende menneske, som er nødt til at finde nye veje, ikke kan finde/vende tilbage til det gamle, og som skal leve videre med konsekvensen af de valg, man har taget tidligere og de tab, man har lidt undervejs. I teksten fortælles også om et overfald på en af T.I.'s venner Philant Johnson, som døde, og om hvordan man kan leve videre med en ven, der er "dead and gone".

### Baggrund:

"**Dead and Gone**" er en hiphop/ rythm&blues sang skabt i et samarbejde mellem Justin Timberlake og rapperen T.I. som har en broget fortid med adskillige fængselsophold. Musikvideoen er fra 2009 og indeholder en rigdom af forskellige symboler og billeder om de valg, vi må tage i livet som en del af det at blive voksen og "aflægge sig det barnlige".

### "Dead And Gone"

[Spoken - T.I.]

Ay, Let me kick it to you right quick, man  
That on some gangsta shit man, on some real shit  
Anybody done been through the same thing, I'm sure you feel the same way  
Big Phil  
This for you pimpin'

[Chorus (Justin Timberlake (T.I.):)]

Oh (eyyy) I've been travellin' on this road too long (too long)  
Just tryna find my way back home (back home)  
The old me is dead and gone, dead and gone  
And oh (eyyy) I've been travellin' on this road too long (too long)  
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*[Verse 1 - T.I.]*

Ever had one of them days wish would've stayed home  
Run into a group of niggas who gettin' they hate on  
You walk by  
They get wrong  
You reply then shit get blown  
Way outta proportion  
Way past discussion  
Just you against them, pick one then rush 'em  
Figure you'll get jumped, hell that's nothing  
They don't wanna stop there now they bussin'  
Now you gushin', ambulance rushin'  
You to the hospital with a bad concussion  
Plus ya hit 4 times  
Plus it hit ya spine  
Paralyzed waist down now ya wheel chair bound  
Nevermind that now you lucky to be alive  
Just think it all started you fussin' with 3 guys  
Now ya pride in the way, but ya pride is the way  
You could fuck around, get shot, die anyday  
Niggas die everyday  
All over bull shit, dope money, dice game, ordinary hood shit  
Could this be 'cos of hip hop music?  
Or did the ones with the good sense not use it?  
Usually niggas don't know what to do when their back against the wall  
so they just start shootin' For red or for blue or for blo I guess  
From Bankhead or from your projects  
No more stress, now I'm straight, now I get it, now I take  
Time to think, before I make mistakes just for my family's sake  
That part of me left yesterday  
The heart of me is strong today  
No regrets I'm blessed to say  
The old me dead and gone away

*[Chorus (Justin Timberlake (T.I.))]*

*[Verse 2 - T.I.]*

I ain't never been scared, I lived through tragedy  
Situation could've been dead lookin' back at it  
Most of that shit didn't even have to happen  
But you don't think about it when you out there trappin'  
In apartments, hangin', smokin', and rappin'  
Niggas start shit, next thing ya know we cappin'  
Get locked up then didn't even get mad  
Now think about damn what a life I had  
Most of that shit, look back, just laugh  
Some shit still look back get sad  
Maybe my homboy still be around  
Had I not hit the nigga in the mouth that time  
I won that fight  
I lost that war  
I can still see my nigga walkin' out that door  
Who'da thought I'd never see Philant no more?  
Got enough dead homies I don't want no more  
Cost a nigga his job

Cost me more  
I'd took that ass-whooping now for sure  
Now think before I risk my life  
Take them chances to get my stripe  
A nigga put his hands on me alright  
Otherwise stand there talk shit all night  
'Cos I hit you, you sue me,  
I shoot you, get locked up, who me?  
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*[Chorus (Justin Timberlake (T.I.))]*

*[Hook - Justin Timberlake]*  
I turn my head to the East  
I don't see nobody by my side  
I turn my head to the West  
Still nobody in sight  
So I turn my head to the North  
Swallow that pill that they call pride  
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