

Musikvideo: Not Afraid fra albummet Recovery (Eminem)

Tema: Om tro, tillid, ikke at frygte, men at turde træde ud på dybt vand, tage imod en hånd, gå igennem stormen og kaste sig ud i livet.



Efter de flotte åbningsklip af Marshall (Eminem), der står på afsatsen af et højhustag, mens der skues over Newark, ser vi klip til kælderens, hvor han "rhymer" i sin frustration. Selv om han ser ud til at have trukket sig tilbage fra selvmords overtonerne fra højhustaget, er han dog ikke kommet ud af mørket endnu. Man ser ham "muret" inde, fortvivlet og fanget i sit liv. Han ser Market Street forvandle sig til en spejlsal, hvor han tvinges til at blive konfronteret med sit eget spejlbillede, som dog kun viser sig som brudstykker af ham selv. Han rammes dog af lyset, frisættes fra kælder-tilværelsen, går ud i trafikken og stiller sig ud på kanten af en katastroferamt afsats. Her beslutter han sig til at springe ud, kaste sig ud over kanten, men fremfor at styrte i afgrunden, gribes han og flyver op med nye kræfter - afsted med Superman og Matrix metaforer i luften - for til sidst at stå på højhustaget igen. Denne gang ser han dog op i lyset og rækker hånden ud, mens han synger "I'm not afraid."

Eminem opfordrer i sin sang: I'm not afraid - til ikke at være bange, men til at turde tage et standpunkt og til at tage imod den hånd, der rækkes ud, for vi er ikke alene, selv når vi går igennem stormen. Sangteksten understreger på mange måder musikvideoens billede- og symbolunivers.

Baggrund:

Not Afraid er fra Eminems 7. album: Recovery fra april 2010 og beskrives som opløftende og frelsende. Efter længere tids stofmisbrug og rehabilitering fortæller Eminem, hvordan han forsøger at overvinde sit misbrug og sine problemer. I modsætning til Eminems tidligere hardcore, komedie hiphop er dette album præget af langt dybere og livsreflekterende temaer.

"Not Afraid"

[Chorus:]

I'm not afraid (I'm not afraid)
To take a stand (to take a stand)
Everybody (everybody)
Come take my hand (come take my hand)
We'll walk this road together, through the storm
Whatever weather, cold or warm
Just lettin you know that, you're not alone
Holla if you feel like you've been down the same road (same road)

[Intro (during Chorus):]

Yeah, it's been a ride
I guess I had to, go to that place, to get to this one
Now some of you, might still be in that place
If you're trying to get out, just follow me
I'll get you there

You could try and read my lyrics off of this paper before I lay 'em
But you won't take the sting out these words before I say 'em
Cause ain't no way I'ma let you stop me from causin mayhem
When I say I'ma do somethin I do it,
I don't give a damn what you think,

I'm doin this for me, so fuck the world
Feed it beans, it's gassed up, if it thinks it's stoppin me
I'ma be what I set out to be, without a doubt undoubtedly
And all those who look down on me I'm tearin down your balcony
No if ands or buts, don't try to ask him why or how can he
From "Infinite" down to the last "Relapse" album
he's still shittin, whether he's on salary paid hourly
Until he bows out or he shits his bowels out of him
Whichever comes first, for better or worse
He's married to the game, like a fuck you for Christmas
His gift is a curse, forget the Earth, he's got the urge
to pull his dick from the dirt, and fuck the whole universe

[Chorus]

Okay quit playing with the scissors and shit, and cut the crap
I shouldn't have to rhyme these words in the rhythm for you to know it's a rap
You said you was king, you lied through your teeth, for that
Fuck your feelings, instead of gettin crowned you're gettin capped
And to the fans, I'll never let you down again, I'm back
I promise to never go back on that promise, in fact
Let's be honest, that last "Relapse" CD was eh
Perhaps I ran them accents into the ground
Relax, I ain't goin back to that now
All I'm tryin to say is get back, click-clack, blaow
Cause I ain't playin around
It's a game called circle and I don't know how, I'm way too up to back down
But I think I'm still tryin to figure this crap out
Thought I had it mapped out but I guess I didn't, this fuckin black cloud
still follows, me around but it's time to exorcise these demons
These motherfuckers are doin jumpin jacks now!

[Chorus]

And I just can't keep living this way
So starting today, I'm breaking out of this cage
I'm standing up, I'ma face my demons
I'm manning up, I'ma hold my ground
I've had enough, now I'm so fed up
Time to put my life back together right now! (now)

It was my decision to get clean, I did it for me
Admittedly, I probably did it subliminally
for you, so I could come back a brand new me you helped see me through
And don't even realize what you did, believe me you
I been through the ringer, but they could do little to the middle finger
I think I got a tear in my eye, I feel like the king of
my world, haters can make like bees with no stingers
and drop dead, no more beef flingers
No more drama from now on, I promise
to focus solely on handlin my responsibilities as a father
So I solemnly swear to always treat this roof, like my daughters
and raise it, you couldn't lift a single shingle on it!
Cause the way I feel, I'm strong enough to go to the club
or the corner pub, and lift the whole liquor counter up
Cause I'm raising the bar
I'd shoot for the moon but I'm too busy gazin at stars
I feel amazing and I'm

[Chorus]