

Yeah, I know sometimes

Things may not always make sense to you right now

But hey, what'd daddy always tell you?

Straighten up, little soldier

Stiffen up that upper lip

What you cryin' about?

You got me

Hailie, I know you miss your mom, and I know you miss your dad

When I'm gone, but I'm tryna give you the life that I never had

I can see you're sad even when you smile, even when you laugh

I can see it in your eyes, deep inside, you wanna cry

'Cause you're scared, I ain't there? Daddy's with you in your prayers

No more crying, wipe them tears, daddy's here, no more nightmares

We gon' pull together through it, we gon' do it

Lainie, uncle's crazy, ain't he? Yeah, but he loves you, girl, and you better know it

We're all we got in this world, when it spins, when it swirls

When it whirls, when it twirls, two little beautiful girls

Lookin' puzzled, in a daze, I know it's confusing you

Daddy's always on the move, mama's always on the news

I try to keep you sheltered from it, but somehow, it seems

The harder that I try to do that, the more it backfires on me

All the things growin' up as daddy that he had to see

Daddy don't want you to see, but you see just as much as he did

We did not plan it to be this way, your mother and me

But things have got so bad between us

I don't see us ever being together ever again

Like we used to be when we was teenagers

But then, of course, everything always happens for a reason

I guess it was never meant to be

But it's just something we have no control over, and that's what destiny is

But no more worries, rest your head and go to sleep  
Maybe one day, we'll wake up, and this will all just be a dream  
Now hush, little baby, don't you cry  
Everything's gonna be alright  
Stiffen that upper lip up, little lady, I told ya  
Daddy's here to hold ya through the night  
I know mommy's not here right now, and we don't know why  
We feel how we feel inside  
It may seem a little crazy, pretty baby  
But I promise mama's gon' be alright  
Huh, it's funny  
I remember back one year when daddy had no money  
Mommy wrapped the Christmas presents up and stuck 'em under  
the tree  
And said some of 'em were from me, 'cause daddy couldn't buy  
'em  
I'll never forget that Christmas, I sat up the whole night crying  
'Cause daddy felt like a bum, see, daddy had a job  
But his job was to keep the food on the table for you and mom  
And at the time, every house that we lived in  
Either kept gettin' broken into and robbed  
Or shot up on the block  
And your mom was savin' money for you in a jar  
Tryna start a piggy bank for you so you could go to college  
Almost had a thousand dollars 'til someone broke in and stole it  
And I know it hurt so bad, it broke your mama's heart  
And it seemed like everything was just startin' to fall apart  
Mom and dad was arguin' a lot  
So mama moved back on to Chalmers in a flat one-bedroom  
apartment  
And dad moved back to the other side of 8 Mile on Novara  
And that's when daddy went to California with his CD  
And met Dr. Dre, and flew you and mama out to see me  
But daddy had to work, you and mama had to leave me

Then you started seeing daddy on the TV, and mama didn't like it  
And you and Lainie were too young to understand it  
Papa was a rolling stone, mama developed a habit  
And it all happened too fast for either one of us to grab it  
I'm just sorry you were there and had to witness it first-hand  
'Cause all I ever wanted to do was just make you proud  
Now I'm sittin' in this empty house  
Just reminiscin', lookin' at your baby pictures, it just trips me out  
To see how much you both have grown, it's almost like you're  
sisters now  
Wow, guess you pretty much are, and daddy's still here  
Lainie, I'm talkin' to you too, daddy's still here  
I like the sound of that, yeah, it's got a ring to it, don't it?  
Shh, mama's only gone for the moment  
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And if you ask me to, daddy's gonna buy you a mockingbird  
I'ma give you the world  
I'ma buy a diamond ring for you, I'ma sing for you  
I'll do anything for you to see you smile  
And if that mockingbird don't sing, and that ring don't shine  
I'ma break that birdie's neck  
I'll go back to the jeweler who sold it to ya  
And make him eat every carat, don't fuck with dad