

[Intro]

Yeah

I know sometimes

Things may not always make sense to you right now

But ayy

What'd Daddy always tell you?

Straighten up, little soldier, stiffen up that upper lip

What you cryin' about?

You got me

[Verse 1]

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

When I'm gone, but I'm tryin' to give you the life that

(1).....

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

I can see it in your eyes, (2)..... you wanna cry

'Cause you're scared, I ain't there

Daddy's with you in your (3).....

No more cryin', wipe them tears

Daddy's here, (4).....

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 (5).....

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

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

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

I try to keep you (6)....., 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 bein'

Together ever again, like we used to be

(7).....

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 (8)..... is

But no more worries, rest your head and go to sleep

Maybe one day we'll wake up and this'll all just be a dream

[Chorus]

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 fear how we feel inside

It may seem a little crazy, pretty baby

But I promise, Momma's gon' be alright (Heh)

[Verse 2]

It's funny, I remember back one year when Daddy had no money

Mommy wrapped the (9)..... 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 cryin'

'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' (10)..... and robbed or shot up on
the block
And your mom was savin' money for you in a jar
Tryin' to start a (11)..... 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 momma's heart
And it seemed like everything was just startin' to
(12).....
Mom and Dad was arguin' a lot, so Momma moved back
On to Chalmers in the flat, (13).....
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 Momma out to see me
But Daddy had to work, you and Momma had to leave me
Then you started seein' Daddy on the TV, and Momma didn't
like it
And you and Lainie were too young to understand it
Papa was a rolling stone, Momma (14).....
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 (15).....
Just reminiscing', 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?
Sssh! Momma's only gone for the moment

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[Post-Chorus]

And if you ask me to, Daddy's gonna buy you a mockingbird
I'ma give you the world
I'ma buy a (16)..... 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! (Ha-ha!)