

## *Daddy Can't You See?*

*The day I was born, my father abandoned me,  
Where is my Dad to make a better me?  
Can't you understand, why can't you see  
With my Father in my life, I can be a better me.*

*I need the other half of my whole inside of me  
Please give me the chance to be complete,  
Mom does her best, can't you buy some groceries,  
Or don't you know that lights, gas and food are not free?*

*With your extra help, can't you see,  
That I can be a better me?  
Mom works real hard, but we're still in poverty  
Please come home to make it better for me.*

*The gangs are calling, Daddy, Now I'm a "G"  
Cause you're not here to make a better me!  
I'm Sixteen years old and another pregnancy,  
Cause you're not there to take a hold of me.*

*I sell a little dope just to make ends meets,  
Cause you're not here to make a better me.  
I'm facing ten years in the penitentiary,  
How will I ever become a better me?*

*Now I'm a grown man, back out on the streets,  
And I still need your help to be a better me.  
Can't use my legs Pop, stabbed: spinal cord injury  
Now I can't be a better me.*

*Dam Pop, I just got shot again, I was too slow to flee,  
I'm in a hospital bed, only half of me.  
Please help him Lord, mom says on bended knee  
No more hope they've given up on me.*

*Moms in tears, making final arrangements for me,  
No more chance to be a better me.  
If only you knew when you planted your seed,  
That your presences alone could've made me a better me!*

*Now the cycle repeats, two little boys who won't know me,  
My oldest is eight, my youngest is three.  
My last words that I pass on to all the boys just like me,  
Don't do what I did, PLEASE WATER YOUR SEED!*

*Your Presence Alone Is Truly The Key,  
To Make Your Offspring Much Better Than Me!*

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