

# Defari, For The Love

(Intro)

Yeah, this is for all the pioneers  
For all the fathers  
For all the grandfathers, the uncle's  
The stepfather's even (for the love)  
For all those great men..  
Who showed the youth the right way  
And talked the real talk with the youth  
Yeah, this for y'all

(Chorus)

Yo this is for the love, it's for the love of you  
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(Defari)

Yo this one's for the love of you Pop  
With me, the ball you'd never drop  
In first grade it was the bully you told me to sock  
This is for everything you taught..  
For every basketball you caught, and every football you bought  
It's from the heart let me explain  
This for the fact that I'm proud to be named after Dwayne  
And James, I know that times has changed since grand-dad died  
Hey - the whole family's rearranged  
But still, one thing remains the same  
I remember all the times we had pizza after every game  
I remember the music..  
You bumped Coltrane, The Easley's, Mays, George Duke shit  
Not to mention war..  
I remember the L.A. street scene in '83, we saw Stevie  
I was just a young soldier, Pop, you showed me the streets  
And what to watch for when I got older  
Pop, you taught knowledge yourself, yo, how's Dennis?  
This for the fact that you was born and raised in Venice

(Chorus)

(Defari)

Yo this one's for the love of you Uncle -  
That's what we called you  
Six foot six, man you was too tall to -  
For any of us to have the balls to -  
Step outta line, and face the wrath on our behinds  
I always watched what you did - sipped a Scotch  
Beautiful wife, all those kids, in a big crib  
You was the Don of the fam, no doubt  
If any problem, you'd be the one who always worked shit out  
That's what I'm talkin' 'bout, a true man of the house  
Be the cushion for the family, when they fall down  
The felonious, from you I learned about Thelonious - Monk  
And Charlie Parker, yo that's my unc  
Yo Uncle, I remember the day you grabbed your muscle  
Who woulda thought that a Scotch and a smoke could provoke a stroke  
The whole family - shocked, watched, and waited  
Your return... was highly anticipated  
And even though after that you slowed down  
I'll cherish the times that we talked and sat around  
You dropped jew-els that I'll never forget  
From your life I gained so much to work with

(Chorus)

(Defari)

Yo this one's for the love of you Dale

For all the times we watched - James Worthy kill Kevin McHale

For all the times you would prevail

To rescue a nigga in high school, when his car failed

You've been down since sixth grade

When a brotha had a frill, before the days of the ways

I thank the almighty..

That you was there with me and moms, holdin' down nightly

You remember in front of the house

That rat cat got out and tried to run

You chased him down and almost broke his neck

They had to pull you off him

Good thing for that cat, cause he was headed for a coffin

Do you remember Patti Austin?

Remember how moms used to bump Quincy Jones' &quot;The Dude&quot;?

Aiyyo Dale, you more than a step-dad

We share the blood of Monique, my little sister

Can't forget that

(Chorus)