

# The Roots, Been Thru The Storm

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(STEVIE WONDER)

Been thru the storm  
thru the cold and rain  
everything's still the same  
can't control how I feel  
sometimes it's hard to keep it real  
you see the love of your life  
with the fortune and fame  
like them Caddilacs with Sun-roofs man  
so many ways to make a Dollar  
Ha,  
Sometimes I think about my father  
You see my Papa was broke and my Momma was young  
tryin to blend in with dem city folk  
everyday landlord knocking down my door

(BLACK THOUGHT)

Listen  
everybody wanna be famous  
??(Son, ever) how funny the game is  
they want it if its gonna be painless  
they don't want it if it's gonna be strange  
full of tunnels and changes  
I aint gonna front  
ask my 5 year old son what he want  
he said he want the World to know what his name is  
I said be smart boy  
and told him he should follow his heart  
cause if you tryng to run from it it's dangerous  
we livin in a Era where the people is shameless  
they 'onna do whatever for the paper, you name it  
some come up real smooth  
anybody will try you  
some wanna use you  
some wanna be used by you  
don't get it confused, yo  
thats the key to survival  
choose your own view  
if you dont see it as I do  
but it's all substantial  
I'm telling you its of the handle  
thats the reason I'ma set an example  
I've been thru...

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Yeah,

look, everybody wanna get nice  
but every thing come at a price, right?  
Err'body got their own price  
thats something I learned  
when peole too nice  
it's something that they want in return  
a lot a times out of ten  
what they wantting is YEARN(?)  
or they just a little concerned,  
of something to burn  
people talk about respect  
that's something that's earned  
people that don't wanna give it when they know it's deserved  
but it's real hot  
and that kinda life they want it now  
when the wheel starts spinning  
it's tough to slow it down, Black  
wanna get the people involved  
and show em how  
if they don't wanna tell you the truth,  
you know it now  
it's bout life '  
pressing in persuit of that paper  
and people worldwide on their worst behavior  
and folks that was never really movers and shakers  
gettin anxious  
suddenly they wanna be gangsta  
but

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