

It's said to never say never
But I never knew how much power words contain
How one word can excite fear while another promotes change
I never knew that what I did as a teen would affect my future dreams
That being well spoken, educated and punctual are keys for success
How most people are out for material gain, which leaves little room for the rest
How people judge you down to the way you walk to the way you dress
Everything has been given to you, so why would you do everything to lose it
I was never told that what's right and wrong is based on the eyes of the beholder
That life is about positive and negative, dos and donts
In life you have many choices, you can choose your font
That you truly get what you give based on how you live
I never thought life was as difficult as we seem to make it
How my color, gender, and religion, makes people uncomfortable without reason
How most people are in my life for a season
Why we go out our way to find differences
How we don't have to be behind bars to serve life sentences
I never understood how to balance my emotions
How fear is an illusion
How jealousy and envy brings you nothing but confusion
How anger is natural but violence is animalistic
Will you top the charts or will you become a statistic
Hopefully they don't have to run the ballistics
I never knew my grandparents
I never really knew my father
I never knew my purpose until I knew myself
I never knew I would be we're I am now
I never imagined that my dreams would come true
I never thought I would be standing here reading this poem to you