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-DEEP INSIDE- by MCS

I am not good at pretending to be okay

- I am not good to hear about what people have to say

- I used to be successful

but now I've become ungrateful

-l am me

-I am not someone you can easily see

- if you stab me in the back, then I'll speak to you only about facts.

-and then you'll see why your mom's a rat

- I like true friendships, not like some fake relationships

-but I don't like when people fake their fellowships

-I know a lot about life

- I know nothing about finding my true sight

- I admire Kobe Bryant

-I don't agree about black people dying

- I believe in my thoughts

- but for sure I don't believe in getting caught.

Black Lives Matter

The world has a huge problem because I'm black

I am proud to be black as a matter of fact

And I don't care what people say, think, or believe

I am who I am

It is what it is.

JJΟ

Freedom

I want to be free

I want to f@#king leave

I want to go home

I want to be with my family

I want to live my life

I want to grow outside

when I'm older I want to be alive

R.I.P GEORGE FLOYD.

IJΟ

Covid19

I imagine covid19 is over forever so I can see my boyfriend and I live happily ever after.

I smile because it's better to be happy than being mad.

I hope this covid19 is over soon so I can leave this place forever.

I am grateful to be in this house. I am protected from the virus outside world.

T.P

-A curse on A.

Who called me a bitch

I hope you turn green and turn into a witch

I hope you cry your eyes until you itch

I hope your dusty self falls into a ditch

T.P



-People envy me but I'm still stuck with my family

 had some privacy but now I'm stuck doing some therapy

 worked up on myself and tried to save some money for my family

- look at me now, growing up with my own hobbies

- I'm at a **home** but got a roof over my head

-this place is like a jail cell but at least I got a bed

-they promised me by everything they said

- this is kinda good, I look up high to my friends.

Afraid of the dark

I can't look outside cuz I feel that I might die

I can't find the light cuz I might lose sight

I can't fly a kite cuz it'll fly really high

T.P

I don't care

I pretend I don't care about them but I do care about everyone

I worry too much because I thought I might never leave this place at all

I try to mind my own business but I am too caring and I help all the people I care about

I am caring because people living with me I consider them as my family

TP

TEENAGE VIBES

Welcome to my horrible life where things go up and down.

My life goes up and down because there's a lot of issues with my family.

And now I live in a place with kids instigating me and testing my limits.

Welcome to hell.

Covid 19 has made my life even worse

JJO

The Definition of Love

love is hard

love is not a person

love is a feeling that comes and goes

money isn't love

drugs isn't love

alcohol isn't love

love comes from the heart only.

IJΟ

Feelings

I feel sore in my feet because I was dancing a lot last night.

I think I am fine because I am so quiet all the time.

I know I am happy because I got my noise cancelling headphones.

I am a very smart person. I like to read and do math a lot.

T.P.

Legends

legends never die

legends will always be loved

legends will always be remembered

legends will be gods that we look up 2

ΠO

<u>HELP</u>

-I was a dodo bird

-I was constantly messing around so I would call myself dat fosho

-I kept all my stuff personal

-cuz I was afraid to get in trouble so I focused on getting that doe

-I just got heartbroken

-I feel like my heart got socking

-why should I be sad for?

-I made the mistake I made because I was afraid to tell him that our love has fade

- But I take all the blame

- I've been going through a lot

- Like what is wrong with me?

- I'm tired of life cuz god never gives me luck

-I just wanna cry and touch the sky

-My mind is confused and full of lies

- I just wanna lay under a tree and cry

- Maybe then, I'll have a chance to fly high

-I need help but

- When I talk, nothing is being dealt

-This is the strongest feeling I ever felt

- My emotions are ruining my health.... M.C.S

Day after Day

I had a dream that covid19 is over and life was back to normal the way it was

Day after day, day after day.

I had a dream that I was a change person and so quiet.

Day after day, day after day.

I had a dream that I was out for good.

Day After day, day after day.

I wish there was no drama between staff and kids.

Day after day, day after day

TP

<u>DEPRESSION</u>

- I hate how people change

- -It's like nothing could ever stay the same
- and yo I wanna rage so I don't feel the pain

and all these pills for depression, I threw them down the drain

- cuz it just gives you a feeling that I just can't explain

- losing focus, I ain't got nobody else

- and yo I'm hopeless and broken and all by myself

- and nobody ever listens when I cry for help
- a lot of times, we lose our minds so we can't find ourselves.

<u>'S' WORD</u>

-You never have <u>satisfaction</u> -cuz you think all girls do <u>prostitution</u>

- people have been really salty

- that's why they deny that their a **softy**

- a while after, they'll say sorry

- just to get your salary

- people be acting sarcastic

- but I stay fantastic

- people feel unheard and unseen

- that's why they're destroyed and wanna scream

- I am seen but not heard

- I was a girl on the streets just like a lonely bird

-I am not the same

- I come out for <u>some</u> fame

- for me my hood was about <u>sex</u>

 why wouldn't they concentrate on <u>school</u> for <u>projects</u> and <u>subjects</u>

- people be adding so much <u>sauce</u>, that they think that they're a boss

- the world is unfair but people don't <u>see</u> it clear.

-MAYBE-

- Maybe I'm not paranoid

-Maybe I'm not motivated enough cuz I still get really annoyed

- Maybe just maybe I could go insane

- Everything I say, is just filling up with pain

- I decided to explain how I feel from my head to my brains

- I touch the stars and became someone full of fame

- To make sure that I'm safe,

- I am a person that's like "no face, no case"

- But I cannot say a word in my head

- Why can't I just lay on my bed

-Until I'm feeling numb and dead

- I feel as if I'm dying instead

- Maybe I'm not a type of girl who can express

-But maybe....