

**Title:** Room to Breathe

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### **(Verse 1)**

Have you ever, wished you were grown?  
could talk on the phone all day when you're chilling at home  
turn up your music and blast your music and wear whatever gear that you want  
and that your parents would stop nagging 'bout your hair being too long  
You're friends being so wrong  
that they would keep it pushing keep it moving with the sermons  
you only kissed him you didn't really want to get your freak on  
if they would ask, not assume, they would know, your still a daiquiri without the  
alcohol a virgin  
The reason, why, you act  
very withdrawn want them to be gone, it's cause they act  
and think just like Dick Van Dyke too strict, and argue  
and wont extend the hours of your curfew  
But what you gonna do? Yawl can't ain't shaking the spot  
What yawl gonna do? Yawl can't ain't calling the shots  
let's keep it real, we pay the bills, and make the cheddar  
hook up the meals, and keep it all together,  
But if you get a C or better serve God respect us  
stay out of trouble, keep your nose clean hit the church  
obey what we say, when we say what we do  
then maybe will set yawl free and give yawl some breathing room

### **(Hook)**

Mommas - I know we want the best for them  
Daddy – we need to keep on lecturing them  
And give them room to breathe they won't be letting us down  
Cause if we raised them well, we got to trust us them now  
(Repeat)

### **(Verse 2)**

Have you ever wished you were taller? A shot caller  
wished and prayed, prayed and wished that God gave you  
knees that didn't knock, pimples that didn't pop puss  
big ears, that didn't flop, and had, a smaller touch  
So mad and what's sad is that you wanna smash your glasses  
your skinny and flat-chested, pigeon toed thick glasses  
bucktoothed and fat with low self-esteem  
and really wanna be the next queen of homecoming  
But what you gonna do? God made you  
not like any other not a cookie cutter  
don't listen to the friends or the media kid  
God really, accepts and loves you the, way you is  
Mommamas, if you, encourage your kids, I bet  
they won't seek love from gang banging, drugs or sex  
Daddies, don't work so hard  
spend time with them and love them accept their flaws

### **(Hook)**

Mommamas – they won't have low self-esteem  
Daddies – if we tell them how much they mean  
And give them room to breathe they won't be letting us down  
Cause if we raised them well, then later will be proud  
(Repeat)

### **(Verse 3)**

This is for the kids, this is for the kids who fear  
this is for the kids who fear and shed so many, many  
this is for the kids who fear and shed so many, many tears  
cause they being pressured everyday by their peers  
To smoke, and drink and have as much sex, as they can  
pressure walks and stalks them just like a hit man  
drugs, drinking, murder, have sex unheard of  
gang bang, Why to die, fry like a hamburger?  
But what you gone do? When they start stepping  
tomorrow at school you know it's gone be you they sweating dawg  
Will you play pickle? or will you go along to get along  
or stay neutral or figure out the riddle hold your own  
Mommamas, please tell them now, please tell them how  
to resist temptation to follow the crowd  
Daddy, be a role model a good example to follow  
cause when we are, it gives them hope for tomorrow

**(Hook)**

Mommas, they homies trying get them to do  
Daddy's, the opposite of what we want to  
But give them room to breathe they won't be letting us down  
If we raise them well, we got to trust them now  
(Repeat)