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## Life

By Ruben M. Robins

Sitting in the grass now  
Looking at the clouds wow  
Tryna hide all shame out, never done  
Losing all my mind how?  
This and that why now, never moving on, how I gotta move it on  
Ride round town with the green burning slow  
Cop stopped, lights off, on the side street  
Tryna catch me never phase me nah  
You donno me ha thought you had me  
Head always spinning out, spinning on the water  
I should throw it for some money but it be free  
You too, please don't sip now on that Henny  
check yourself man  
you don't need it to find that happy  
Life is in this flow now  
I can never go down  
Always in the background  
Never giving up  
I don't even know how  
But I never showed how  
So close to the edge, but now I'm over there and up  
Always on alert, for a life, in the dark, hold on, stay strong, you'll be  
okay  
I was right there, in your spot, listen up, not your fault, face your  
fear, keep it going  
Do it for yourself, no one else, head up high, look alive, don't be shy,  
only happy  
Anyone you know, only know, right with you, by your side, only,  
in, their, own, way, too,  
Never give it up.