

## TODAY I'LL BE A MILLIONAIRE

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1. Awoke this morning. Today is a new day: today is a good day. Today is 992. I eat "break & fast." Kiss mama on the way out the door. Perfecting our ritual and our daily refrain.

Today mama, I'm gonna be a millionaire

2. Pushin' '72 Nova with recycled cregers on the boldening fat voils because the trues were stolen. Satellite system cost more than the whip, but I'm cruising and no chump will catch me slippin'.

3. Chicago broadcaster announce K-Wes will be in the house. I look at the digital radio clock, then at the 'lex on the wrist that gramma gave me for xmas. Lost & found, it's real and that's the only deal. I got an hour to get down town, maybe I can catch K-Wes coming or going, for today, mama, I'm gonna be a millionaire.

4. I made it just in time to see him & his crew exist, walking towards that devil red Lexus. I go forward, I gotta go for it, live or die, rap or lie. Security close ranks, I hold my CD up like a white flag. Diamonds let them know I come in peace, so they remove their hands from their piece.

I hear him say, "young blood ain't comin to be a beast." Let the brotha spit his piece. I'm already in my zone when he said you have twenty steps to that car. I figure a bar each step, but at six he stopped and started bobbing his head, then he remotely started his security jeep. More bounce was the track to be contributed, before long passer bys stopped and starred. Kanya stopped me, "sayin' man, you can't give this away for free."

5. So I asked him could he feel it? Because I promised mama today I'm gonna be a millionaire. He asked me to ride with them to his studio to see what else I got. He give orders and now I'm in the booth. Cued-up, the engineer signaled my mic is hot. I give them my best, because my best is what I got.

6. An hour later, I'm on the phone, on my way home, telling mama we made it. I just signed with K-Wes and he made us a four time millionaire.

This was always our dream, a vision we shared. I had two cheques cut. When she met me at the front door, I hand her the gift. Written across the box: "With love, mama you are a millionaire."

Today we became a millionaire

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