

I never wanna grow up

I never wanna lose my dreams and passions, the same dreams and passions that saved me from madness

The madness that consumed my mind and made me wanna take my life

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But there's no subtle way to do this

There's no artistic intricacy that can sugar coat my primal instincts

I don't wanna die old and realize that I never actually lived

I wanna be a man while never stop being a kid

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I want the wisdom of a child

The wisdom that questions EVERYTHING

I wanna know right from wrong before society blurs up anything

I don't wanna give in

I don't want to lose my fear dying

My fear of fitting in

I want to be on my Tom Baker, stylin' on all of ya'll

While being on my Alfred Eisenstaedt, being an amateur, naive, and humble all at the same time

I don't wanna give in

I will not conform to the stereotypes placed on my people

I will not be the hope for humanity, but I won't give them a reason to doubt us either

I will not be silent when the truth is past overdue

And by the looks of it, I have a lot of screaming to do

I don't wanna give in

Who cares if they aren't listening

Actions speak louder than words

They're just going deaf from the love we enacting

So stop acting and start the action

Our love causes a reaction

I just wanna live

I wanna live to see myself come full circle

Birtherd as a child and dying as one as well

Living out love and seeing my children do the same as well

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Jireh Ornelas Tavera

Jireh Ornelas Tavera, known by the stage moniker R.E.C.A.P., has been creating and manipulating various art forms from a very young age. Born in East LA, California in the late summer of 94, he and his family eventually settled in Koreatown. Due to some unfortunate family hardships, Jireh and his mother moved between family members in Koreatown, East LA, and LA until the age of 8. It was around this time he got introduced to the art of singing with the Christian choir group, LA4C, performing with them, and receiving a chance to perform in the Hollywood Bowl. Since then his passion for the musical art form has been in full swing. It wasn't until he attended Los Angeles Leadership Academy that he found an interest in poetry, and eventually, through a form of satire, Hip Hop music. Since falling in love with Hip Hop, he began dabbling in rap and spoken word. His entire family eventually moved to Van Nuys, California in the summer of 2007. He attended CHAMPS Charter, and it was there where Jireh began performing and honing his craft. Dropping out of high school 3 years later, he began performing in open mics in the San Fernando Valley, connecting with many artists, eventually leading to formation of the band Ex Nihilo. Jireh is currently frequenting open mics like Soapbox Sessions and Say Yas, as well as performing spoken word for the youth ministry at La Iglesia en el Camino. He is also currently working on an EP with Ex Nihilo, producing for them, other local artists, and for his own projects as well. He is currently working on a small compilation of poems and spoken word pieces he has written over the years, and plans to release by the summer of next year.