

**My Life**

By: Angela Marie Lewis

I had grown to hate that pipe, that turned me into a straight-up hype;  
 I wouldn't let it out of my sight - fulfilled it's needs day and night.  
 Now I would have wrestled with a bull; if that's what it took to keep my pipe full.  
 Some days it made me feel so sick; forcing me 'out there' to turn a trick.  
 There were many times I felt that way - But to the pipe it was just "another day."  
 So my pipe and I would take a walk, trying to make a hustle via talk.  
 'Going on a mission, hope to get back soon' to take another, trip to the moon  
 The sooner I was able to satisfy my need, the closer I was to kill my greed.  
 Every day was "my last day," I knew that there was a better way!  
 They say, "it's hard but it's fair," like blowing in the wind and floating on air.  
 Always running, with no place to hide; sad, lonely, hurting inside.  
 Y'think you're looking good, you're looking bad; pretending your happy, your eyes are sad.  
 This ain't the way I chose to be. I didn't choose this lifestyle, it chose me!  
 You'd be amazed at those who called themselves my friends; they're the ones who aren't there at the end.  
 They're the ones who put me down; took my joy and made my smile a frown.  
 It got to the point where I was tired of being tired; tired of being geeked and always wired.  
 They say time brings about a change; but not if it's your lifestyle you haven't re-arranged.  
 Walking around wearing a frown - can't see ahead 'cause you're looking at the ground;  
 Looking for something that isn't there; Knocked in the head because you're not aware.  
 I was like an Indian without a chief; I was once like a saint, now they call me thief.  
 I think of the money I spent to smoke: I paid to learn, "crack ain't no joke!"  
 Drinking and drugging, having nothing edible; Now tell me - ain't crack incredible!?  
 Walking around in the work - just in the way; existing, not living, from day to day.  
 Time and again I made a bad decision; the end result, time in prison.  
 I didn't belong there, it felt quite odd; I decided I'd better get acquainted with God.  
 I got tired of that old lifestyle. Crack had to go! I started praying for strength to "Just Say No!"  
 I read my bible everyday; and in due time the Lord made a way.  
 I now experience joy and love, I owe it all to "the One above."  
 I'm serving time, but that's alright! I give thanks to the Lord, day and night.  
 Without Him I know there is no me; often I wonder where I would be  
 For the rest of my days I will do my best; Why? Because I am too blessed to be stressed!



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