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## I Promise

You kick her and you punch her till she's on the ground.  
She's crying I'm sorry, I love you, but you don't bother listening to the sound.

Can't you see her leaking? Why your fist still up?  
Look in her eyes, can't you see that my poor mother has had enough!  
Raising six kids. You think it's easy?

You just kept adding to the stress.

Going to the club leaving mama queasy.

Left me alone with the kids, just a little girl.

Mama's working and you out there with them other girls?

Time to step up. Time to be a man.

You stay using the word love.

Don't you wonder why your kids don't believe it?

Told mama not to cry things will get better.

Thanks for leaving, my point's proven now that you've left us.

Mama's raising six kids on her own now.

It's kind of hard.

But she got me by her side, that's right I'm playing your part!

Turning 13 and I'm still a better father then you ever was!

You should see mama now beautiful, strong, independent to.

Oh by

the way your kids are fine. No thanks to you.

After a long hard day at work I tuck her in at night.

See her cry herself to sleep because all she does is fight.

Fight for her kids.

Fight to win.

She said one day, someday, the world is going to change for us. I  
promise you my king and queens.

You just couldn't put the bottle down in time to see,  
that mama deserves the world, she deserves everything!

Violence is hurting people physically and mentally.

People violence is everywhere open your eyes and see!

But nah ya'll just sittin' there on your lazy butts watching T.V.

Keep watching it you're gonna see me there.

Preaching about youth violence and how it isn't fair.

I promise.