

1st February 2018

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ATTN: you HAVE A PERMISSIONS QUESTIONNAIRE
AND PREVIOUS WORK ON FILE FOR ME.

SUBMISSION: I WOKE UP THIS MORNING WITH A
DESIRE TO WRITE. SOMETIMES THIS PENITENT FEAR
GETS THE BEST OF ME. THE STATE OF TEXAS HAS
ME IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, WHAT IT CALLS
ADMINISTRATIVE SEGREGATION. I'M ISOLATED IN
MY CELL 24 HOURS A DAY. SOMETIMES I GET
TO GO INSIDE A DOG CAGE WHERE I GET TO RUN
WILD LIKE THE ANIMAL I AM FOR ONE HOUR.
THEY SAY I'M A "THREAT TO SECURITY". IN
REALITY I'M JUST A MAN TRYING TO
MAINTAIN IN THIS CONCRETE JUNGLE. THIS
SOLITUDE HAS HELPED ME BECOME A POET
AND A SONG-WRITER. I WROTE A SONNET
AND A SONG TODAY. I DON'T WRITE POETRY
AND SONGS EVERY DAY. SOMETIMES THIS
SOLITUDE GETS THE BEST OF ME AND I SHUT
EVERYTHING OUT. SOMETIMES I'M GLAD
I'M ALONE. NONETHELESS, I WOKE UP THIS
MORNING WITH A DESIRE TO WRITE.

I WROTE A SONNET. I WROTE A SONG. AND NOW I'M
WRITING YOU. ANYTHING TO KEEP ME FROM
GOING INSANE. YOU CAN HEARN MORE ABOUT ME
BY CHECKING OUT MY PICTURE PROFILE ON
WRITE A PRISONER.COM. I WILL BE RELEASED
FROM PRISON ON JULY 9, 2018. I HOPE TO MAKE
MUSIC ONCE I'M BACK ON THOSE STREETS. I
WALK BACK AND FORTH IN MY CELL
RAPPING. I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN RETHE MY
SUBMISSION, BUT IF I CAN, I WOULD LIKE
THE TITLE TO MY SUBMISSION TO BE:
I WOKE UP THIS MORNING WITH A DESIRE
TO WRITE.

NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I'M GONNA GET
BACK TO WALKING BACK AND FORTH IN
MY CELL.

Sincerely,

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