

# What Do You See When You Look At Me

When you look at me what do you see  
Because I know you don't see the pain I've felt growing up in the streets

When you look at me do you see the real me  
Or the person I pretend to be  
Or the person people say I am who hate on me

When you look at me do you see the change  
Or do you see the old Dwayne

Keep it real with me  
And tell me when you look at me

What do you see  
Cause I know you don't see the trust issues I have from people who  
have lied to me

Especially those people who said they loved me and cared about me  
And I know you don't see the things I've been through and how strong I  
I've had to be

Do you see all the scares on me from running from the police  
And do you see the bags under my eyes from staying up days with no sleep  
Or when you look in my eyes do you see the redness from crying  
until I was weak

I just pray that when I die my soul the lord will keep  
But all I want to know is when you look at me what do you see

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