

MATRE

Song: **Love Letter**

Album: **The Year of the Gift Vol.2**

Verse 1

It's almost two in the morning
It's been a long day
I've been tired for some hours now
But I'm still awake,
I haven't been at work
I ain't got nothing due
Haven't been up studying
I'm not even in school,
Haven't been partyin'
In fact it's been two
Hours since I left the pad
Where I was chillin' with my dudes,
And tracing back now
I see that's where it started
Or at least
I can see a key piece of what sparked it,
Yeah,
We just played some beats
I played it cool and just kicked it in my seat
Laughed and smiled and caught up about the week
But didn't say the whole world was opening up in me
See,
Sometimes all it takes is a break
Drums knocking at my chest for my heart to come awake
And then no matter how tired
Or how late
The love is too strong for me not to create,
Like I must give
Or it'll bust from my ribs
I let my chest open up and just trust in this,
I've written thousands of rhymes
Thousands of days
Thousands of different topics
Page after page,

But now I see as my pencil's again raised
That I've just been saying "I love you,"
A thousand different ways,
And they're different but the essence is the same
There's a spark in each of us
That wakes up this flame
And when we feel it we know
Who we are and why we came
And what's alive in that moment
Really needs saying,
What I'm saying is
It's almost four a.m. now
And something still moves this pencil
Though my body's shutting down,
I'm thinking 'bout you all
All of my dear friends
And while it's this alive in me
I wanta' show you who I am,
I've got a
Hear so big it wants to break from my skin
And when it does break
I find where something deeper begins,
And it's profound what I've found
I wanta' share it with you now
Hearts are broken
So they open up for light to come out...

Chorus 1

And here's my light
Shining through this L.A. night
Gratitude for all of you
As you sleep and I write
And I will keep watch tonight,
Be the sandman for these hours, and
Water these dreams
Like night blooming flowers...

Verse 2

Yeah,
And it honestly seems
I'd stay awake for centuries
Making sure they get weaved,

Into tapestries
That are gradually spread
One thread at a time
Through every rhyme I've ever said,
And this is truly going out to you
So please when you hear it
Know you wrote this with me
I'm inspired by your spirit,
My brother's half way 'round the world and I hope
That he will hear this
And he will truly know,
There's a girl sleeping just across this city not far
And there's a gift in this rhyme for her
In every single bar,
She'll wake up soon to go to work
And as her day starts
I hope she'll somehow find this
Like morning dew on her car,
To my crew
Top2Bottom all the way through
Dexterous Children,
From elementary to high school,
And now the Shade of a Tree
Is where the Homeboys meet
We get the
Youth in a Section and the Poets on the Street,
An Oasis,
Shout out to Marley, Cianan, Cuinn, Miles, Mia, Tony, Joaquin and James
Welcome new generations,
Ancestors
Parents
My friends around this Earth
It's a Love Letter to you
In the form of a verse,
And I do it this way
Because this is who I am
This music cracks the rock of my skin
To reveal gems,
And I know you've got your beats
Infinite forms we
Invite to inspire, open up and transform these
Bodies and personalities, thoughts and faculties
To be the vehicle to carry this love and light naturally...

Chorus 2

And here's our light
Shining through the world tonight
There ain't nowhere it can't reach when it's on this bright
And right now as you hear it
Hope you feel it like I do
So much love I wrote a letter and I trust it'll find you...

Verse 3

To my family 'round the globe
Wherever you stay
From Lebanon to Sweden, Scotland, Switzerland to Spain,
From Finland to France
By boat, bus and train
Show up anywhere with y'all
And I'm glad that I came,
To my family in Nigeria
And South to the Cape
To my Thailand peeps
New Year's Eve was great,
From New Zealand to Brazil,
Canada and the States
I'm blessed with a big family,
What can I say?

To my family 'round the map
Wherever you stay
From Kathmandu to Manila
Or chillin' up in the Bay,
From
Helsinki to Paris
I travelled a long way
And I thought I'd get exhausted
But the feeling never came
'Cause I felt you all
From Hong Kong to Norway
Even when we're out of touch,
I know you're here every day
From Australia to Mexico and back to L.A.
I'm blessed with a big family
Thank you more than I can say...

Chorus 3

For this light
That's filling up my life tonight
I sent it out, it came back
A hundred times as bright
To this room where I've been writin'
Got me out of my chair
Like I'm dancing all alone
But I feel y'all here,
In this light
That's lifting up our spirits tonight,
Until the whole world's lit
And we see it ignite
We've been calling it a planet
But I think it's a star
Got us dancing all together,
Wherever we are.