



Ingredients of Greatness

Ingredient of greatness how can you tell
because a mother via a higher power blessed
every breathing being with the gift of life –

many believed because I'm incarcerated I'm less than
I beg to differ regardless our struggles
we will persevere regardless the odds
like the Chicago Cubs and LeBron James Believeland –

growing up why does sweet love turn bitter
even tuff love like my mother don't like me
because she loves you
mothers knows successful formulas are pricy
she's your #1 fan that adores you –

why does mothers hate some of our friends
listen parents are trained via experience
to separate the elusion
of all the growls and grins –

why does a child have a curfew
because a sad reality of life
is there are too many things out there
that can and will hurt you –

so to all the parents of life
although life and many lessons are like the matrix
I would sincerely like to say thank you
for all your sacrifices and love
protecting an ingredient of greatness –

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