

Never Give Up

Never Give Up, Sure, that's easy to say, especially when everything is going your way

But what about when life, throws you some of the unexpected,

and you're stuck trying to figure out, just how to correct it

When life isn't all the success and glory, but instead a real sad and messed up story

When drugs and alcohol try to lure you in, you're tempted, but strong enough not to let them win

When tough times and being poor is all that you know,

when your worth, and self-esteem, is at an all-time low

A father who has abandoned you, has left you all alone, you're sad and angry,

with unanswered questions, left wondering where has he gone

Having a single, young mother, trying her best to raise her sons, in a city plagued with violence,
and infested with crimes and guns

Just what should you do in those awful circumstances, when it looks like your life doesn't stand
any chances

Never give up! That's right, you heard me, that is exactly what you shouldn't do,

because your worth, and your very best, is still inside of you

With drive and determination, your life will be just fine, I know this all so very well,

because those circumstances were once mine

I was determined to have a better life, in spite of my situation, and I knew the best way out for
me was to get my education

I studied and hit the books real hard, and maintained all of my grades, convinced my future
would be better, based on the decision that I had made

School challenged my imagination, it encouraged me to dream,

of endless possibilities, far beyond what I'd previously seen

It was like finding a hidden treasure, that was once buried under the sea, finally unlocked and
opened, releasing everything to me

A wealth of information about people, places and things,

about different cultures in far away countries, about Presidents, and leaders, and kings

As my life once did, some of you are facing challenges, that may be causing your dreams to die,
but you owe it to yourself to NEVER GIVE UP, to persevere, and to always try

Now, going to school is no free ticket, it's up to you to put in the work and time, because if you
don't, your taking the risk of watching your life drift by

There isn't any thing wrong with being a famous basketball player,
or a rapper with a number one song, but if you get hurt,
or your popularity fades, you always need that education to fall back on
Getting your education, is the key that unlocks the door,
and ultimately sets you life on course, to where ever you want to go

In spite of my horrible circumstances, I never gave in,
and I am standing here as a success story, and not a statistic
or another victim, but with a will to win

So, I'm challenging all students to buckle down in school, and really give it your best,
so when you look back many years from now, you won't have any regrets

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