Pursuit Of Happiness

by Kid Cudi

* The meaning of the lyrics.

“If I fall if I die

Know I lived it to the fullest

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Know I lived and missed some bullets”

* Verse 1:  first verse describes the use of drugs combined with alcohol. This combination is meant to show how he chooses to look for happiness through substances rather than real events. It also says how his friends tell him to slow down on the drugs but he isn't ready to quit just yet. It then says that he is willing to die as long as he lived his life the way he wanted to. Lastly he says if he does in fact die, he lived through the highs and the lows knowingly.
* Hook 1: This first hook references the pursuit of happiness which is somewhat of a philosophical idea.  It then talks about how he parties, drinks and smokes but what may seem great, and glamorous, like gold for example, is not always satisfying. He seeks all these things in his pursuit of happiness to only be left unsatisfied and alone. Finally it says that after ruling out every other source of happiness, only the drugs could actually bring him happiness.
* Verse 2: The second verse Cudi mentions dreaming, which is to imply that all people dream, but not equally.  He then mentions "night terrors", which relate to his childhood as he believed that to sleep was to die. Cudi then evokes the listener to compare their dreams to his, and then expands how he is alone in his suffering and isolation which are his dreams. The last line is left intentionally vague to allow the listener to interpret a meaning for himself/herself, yet Cudi seems to say that his pursuit of outward happiness is really a mislead attempt to fill an inner void.
* Hook 2: This last hook is used to show the aftermath of drinking too much  and the pain that it causes.