

**Take It Back**  
**Ed Sheeran**

**Dm**

I m not a rapper, I m a singer with a flow  
I ve got a habit of spitting  
quicker lyrics you know

**Bb**

You found me ripping the writtens  
out of the pages they sit in

**C**

I never want get bitten,

**C#m7M**

because plagiarism is hidden

**Dm**

Which I would sit on the rhythm ,  
prisoner with a vision  
Signs of a label, but didn t listen to any criticism

**Bb**

Thought you knew but you didn t  
So perk your ears up and listen

**C**

Studio is a system

**C#m7M**

And you could say that I m driven

**Dm**

And now it s on to the next saga,  
we drink the best lager  
I never tried to win you over  
like your stepfather

**Bb**

I do my own thing now, and get respect after

**C**

**C#m7M**

And I m avoiding the cane like it was Get Carter

**Dm**

For four years I never had a place to stay  
but it s safe to say that it kept me grounded like a paperweight

**Bb**

At 16 years old yeah I moved out of my home

**C**

**C#m7M**

I was Macy Gray I tried to say goodbye and  
I choked

**Dm**

And went from sleeping at the subway station, sleeping with a movie star and  
adding to the population

**Bb**

Not my imagination, I don t want to relax

**C**

Would it hurt your reputation,

**C#m7M**

if I put it on wax?  
I take it back now

Refrão:

**Dm**

Mmh Mmh Mmh Mmh

**Bb**

Come on and take it back now

**C**

**C#m7M**

**Dm**

Come on and take it back for us

**Dm**

**Bb**

Don't you fade into the back love,

**C**

**C#m7M**

noooooohh

Verso 2:

**Dm**

Take it back with the rhythm and blues

With my rap pack I'll be singing the news,

trying to act like Jack Black when I bring 'em to school

**Bb**

I'll make a beat with my feet just by hitting a loop,

**C**

**C#m7M**

bringing the lyrics to prove that I can fit in these shoes

**Dm**

And keeping the truth through the vocal booth,

stars burst out on the scene like an opal fruit,

**Bb**

they try to take aim like Beckham when he goes to shoot,

**C**

but then again that's what they're supposed to do,

**C#m7M**

and I'm supposed to be calm,

**Dm**

I tattooed the lyrics onto my arm, whispering everything that happens is from now on,

**Bb**

I'll be willing to start again by the end of the song,

**C**

**C#m7M**

still they're claiming that I handled it wrong,

**Dm**

but then I never had an enemy, except the NME,

but I'll be selling twice as many copies as the magazines will ever be,

**Bb**

with only spectacles ahead of me and festival fees,

**C**

**C#m7M**

healthier than a Dalmatian on pedigree,

**Dm**

singing for the masses,

rubber dinghy rapids,

I keep this rapping a habit

and keep on passioning magic,

**Bb**

I m battling with respect,  
C  
I don t know if I ll have it,  
C#m7M  
this songs from the heart,  
cover the planet  
I ll take it back now

Refrão:

Dm  
Mmh Mmh  
Bb  
Come on and take it back now  
C C#m7M Dm  
Come on and take it back for us  
Dm Bb  
Don t you fade into the back love,  
C C#m7M  
noooooohh

Verso 3:

Take it back now  
Dm  
I don t ever wanna be perfect,  
Cause I m a singer that you  
never wanna see shirtless  
Bb  
I accept the fact that someone s got to win worst-dressed,  
C C#m7M  
Taking my first steps into the scene,  
giving me focus  
Dm  
Putting on a brave face, like Timothy Dalton  
Considering a name change,  
thinking it was hopeless  
Bb  
Rhyming over recordings,  
avoiding tradition  
C  
Cause everyday some lyrics  
C#m7M  
and a melody can be written  
Dm  
Now absence can make your heart break  
But drinking absinthe can change your mind-state, vividly,  
I need to let my liver be  
Bb  
And I say it again,  
C  
Living life on the edge,  
C#m7M  
with a closed hand full of friends  
Is good advice from a man

**Dm**

who took his life on the road with me  
and I hope to see him blowing up globally

**Bb**

Cause that s how it s supposed to be  
screaming out vocally

**C**

It might seem totally impossible

**C#m7M**

achieving life s dreams

**Dm**

But, but I just write schemes  
I m never having a stylist, giving me tight jeans

**Bb**

Madison Square Garden is where I might be  
But more likely,

**C**

You ll find me in the back

**C#m7M**

room of a dive bar with my mates

**Dm**

Having a pint with McDaid  
Discussing records we made  
And every single second knowing  
that we ll never betray

**Bb**

The way we were raised  
Remembering our background  
Sat down

**C**

That s how we put it out;

**C#m7M**

it s time to take it back now

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Verso 4:

**Dm**

My dreams keep me awake at night  
written in rhymes, and I, deliver the hype am I  
just living the lie

**Bb**

with this you must know that the numbers just sold woah

**C C#m7M**

Will keep me going through the tough times, dream with me

**Dm**

We forget 90 percent of it when we wake  
But the other 10 percent it never fades

**Bb**

Dreaming dreams, day to day goals,

**C**

Stay awake loads, try to make the cut like the

**C#m7M**

paper or razor blade, oh, never give up

**Dm**

And just remember just to hold out more  
A couple years ago  
I couldn't just control that thought

**Bb**

You'd find me buskin on the street  
When it was cold outdoors

**C**

And now I'm sweating on the stage

**C#m7M**

of a sold out tour

**Dm**

Writing love songs for the sake of it,  
never to make a hit  
You can't fake talent and work ethic just to make it quick

**Bb**

I'm not a rapper I'm a singer, I just take the piss and

**C C#m7M**

Most the other guys are kids that pose his little sister

**Dm**

has to babysit, that's just a way it is  
Dreams you own, just set your goals  
and have the utmost faith in it

**Bb**

Tread your own path, you'll never make it as a follower,

**C C#m7M**

you'll never know where you will go or where you'll be tomorrow