

BEFORE AND AFTER MEMORIES

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Before

*Being only 12 years old
And now 13
And always being
On the wrong track
Getting into bad things and always turning
right back
Into those harmful
Memories that only bring me tears
In my heart, eyes, and soul.*

*I was always hiding from the gunshots
That flew right across me.
Not knowing whether
To trust all them peoples
Or to let my expressions out.*

After

*Now knowing that I can trust and
Rely more on others
Without being scared
Of what's going on out there.*

*Knowing the disaster in my life
And house coming here
My problems fade away
Until the next day*

*I don't feel tight anymore
Cause I can let my feelings out.*

*Now at the end of the year I feel
Much safer knowing I've got someone
To call and holler at.*