

# Artist as Slave

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## Slave 2 The System Slave Lyrics

**Artist:** Prince

**Album:** Emancipation

CHORUS:

Everybody keeps tryin' 2 break my heart

Everybody except 4 me

I just want a chance 2 play the part

The part of someone truly free

Like candle slowly burning, I can feel my world unravel

Hemisphere upon hemisphere lie beneath my soul, soul

My enemies kept it turning, but now they pound the gavel

And judging me accordingly, I know, I know

CHORUS

Hey! {x3}

Oh

Burning slowly candle, handle careless they did

Merrily down 3 heartbreak boulevards

Like fashion statements, they lie "U be lookin' so good 2night, kid"

I do my best 2 party, it's just that everybody keeps tryin' 2 break my heart

(CHORUS)

Except 4 me (Except 4 me)

I just want a chance 2 play

(Just wanna be free)

Slowly candle burns, where'd they learn hypnosis?

How'd they keep me under 4 so long?

Break the bread I earn, just keep me far from closest

I need their kind 2 illustrate what's wrong – what's wrong?

Well, I'll tell U they just keep tryin' 2 break my heart (CHORUS)

They just keep tryin' 2 break my heart, ow!

(Everybody) {x2}

CHORUS

But I can't let U break my heart

(Everybody keeps tryin' 2 break my heart)

Slave! (Everybody keeps tryin' 2 break my heart)

Slave! Slave! (Everybody keeps tryin' 2 break my heart)

Slave!

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(Slave) {repeat in song}

Slave, yeah {x2}

Slave 2 the system here before I was born

Slave 2 the master, workin' me till I'm worn

The only penthouse I can count on's a big black ball and chain

Slave 2 the system, the future's all arranged

Oh, U better fetch that water, boy {x2}

Slave 2 the system

Thompson's my last name, but my daddy's name is Lloyd

The farther back I trace it, the more it becomes null and void

All my life I've struggled just 2 be called a boy

Slave 2 the system, oh what a joy

Oh, U better fetch that water, boy

Hell if I do!

(Oh, U better fetch that water, boy)

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