

# Shinin' Down

Duff McKagan

"This is an Al Bloch song. It was kind of a depressing story about  
out  
A white-trash life with no way out. But this kid in the story is  
fighting  
His way out. And I reinterpreted it as, anybody can do that, get  
out  
Of any situation. "Shinin' Down" sounds almost like you're talking  
about  
God,  
But it's any kind of inspiration. If somebody wants it to be God,  
great.  
Or it could be yourself, shining down." - Duff

Sister's in the old barn, sleeping off a big storm  
Brother's at the pool hall, thinking all his bad thoughts  
Papa's in the cellar, sneaking off a quick drink  
And god is up in heaven, no one cares what he thinks

(Chorus)

Shining down, shining down

Mama's living in her grave, buried with the frying pan  
I'm just sitting on the porch, waiting for the mailman  
Papa doesn't have much hope, he wishes things were better  
When I get a chance to leave, it's gonna be forever

(Chorus)

Shining down, shining down... yeah

At night sometimes I take a walk, down by  
The power lines  
Somewhere I can be alone, sit and smell the ozone  
God says "don't you be afraid" he can make it better  
If I get a chance to leave, it's gonna be forever

Shining down, shining down, shining down,  
Shining down