



BLAME IT ON MY YOUTH

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BLINK 182

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The lead single from eighth studio album **Nine**. Chart: #11, alternative. Time - 3:06. Released in U.S.A. May 8, 2019.

Produced by **Tim Pagnotta**. Engineered by **Chris Athens**.

The song is taking us through blink-182's early days, taking us through their beginnings. It reflects on mistakes in their past. It was made in the shadow of the departure of founding and long time member Tom DeLonge, who was replaced by Matt Skiba (from Alkaline Trio). The album **Nine** was actually their eighth studio album. They counted their pre fame demo release **Buddha**. -- Larry --



Personnel

Mark Hoppus - lead vocals, bass
Matt Skiba - lead vocals, guitar
Travis Barker - drums, percussion

Mark Hoppus - 2019: Exclaim

"It's talking about growing up and feeling alienated and starting a band because of it. It's not that far removed from 'I guess this is growing up' from 1997. That was 22 years ago. We're still in the wheelhouse. And then I look online and people are like, 'This is not Blink! This is bad pop music!' And I'm like 'it has all of the elements of Blink."

I wouldn't know what the algorithm is. I can't try and write a song to hit a moving target of what I think people are going to expect Blink is or should be or what they want Blink to be.... And we've never sat down with the intent of 'Let's write a radio single' because what is a radio single? I don't know what works with radio. I can't write a song for the radio.

I don't think we're the Beatles, but let's take your example of the Beatles. If you look at the Beatles going from Revolver to Yellow Submarine to Sgt. Pepper to the White Album, those records are vastly, vastly different from one another. And if you're saying that you want us to stay the same that we were 20 years ago the Beatles is not the example of a band staying the same over time."

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Blame it, blame it on my youth

I wasn't born with the rich blood
I started out with plenty of nothing at all
I got stuck in the thick mud
The flash flood, punk rock, and the alcohol

I was raised on a re-run
I was bored to death so I started a band
Cut my teeth on a safety dance
My attention span never stood a chance
It's too late
Can you forgive me now?

You can never kill my high
I'm the ink and you're the headline
Blame it on, blame it on my youth
Blame it on, blame it on my youth

You can never block my shine
I've been lost since 1999
Blame it on, blame it on my youth
Blame it on, blame it on my youth

I wasn't made for the good life
I ended up getting stuck on the side of the road
I tripped and fell on hard times
The tough breaks are the only kind I know

I was left on a door step
I was scared to death with nowhere to go
Cut myself on the neighbor's fence
That I hopped as the cops tried to take me in
It's too late, can you forgive me now?

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Blame it on, blame it on my youth
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You can never block my shine
I've been lost since 1999
Blame it on, blame it on my youth
Blame it on, blame it on my youth

I was raised on the Ritalin
Ever since I was a little kid
No one ever seemed to give a shit
I don't need an excuse
I don't need an excuse

You can never kill my high
I'm the ink and you're the headline
Blame it on, blame it on my youth
Blame it on, blame it on my youth

You can never block my shine
I've been lost since 1999 (Oh)
Blame it on, blame it on my youth
Blame it on, blame it on my youth

You can never kill my high
(Endless summer)
I'm the ink and you're the headline
(Stretching on and on)
Blame it on, blame it on my youth
Blame it on, blame it on my youth

Endless summer
Stretching on and on