

Hello, my name is Nathanael, some of you know me as the big hat RA. I wear this hat because it's hot, not because I'm secretly bald. I swear I have hair.

[Nathanael takes off hat and another hat is underneath].

Many of you have called me chill, one of my students said I'm an overall fun guy. I hope you've been having fun at this camp, I sure have. I like being an RA here because my job is to make sure nerds have fun. It's the only job where I can say, "Let's show these nerds a good time" and it's not sarcastic. Usually a bully's like, "Let's show these nerds a good time" and then shoves you into a locker.

I can make these jokes because I myself am and was a nerd. I was very competitive academically and this year I started working as a substitute teacher in the same school district I grew up being a whiz kid at, so now I gotta be in class tryna motivate these students to do well in school, like, "Hey kids, if you work really hard, study, get good grades, you might end up right back here. You might never leave this school, lock the doors."

I actually got into CTY at 8 years old, but I didn't know until last year. I asked my Mom, "Did I ever get into the Center Talented Youth?" She said, "Yea, we just couldn't afford to send you." So that's why I applied to work here. I wanted to learn what it means to be an "advanced learner", as it's called now, and show you nerds a good time.

Now, growing up as a "gifted child", I aspired to do something impressive with my life like be an engineer or a doctor or happy, but when I was 17 years old my life changed forever when I got obsessed with stand-up comedy and writing jokes.

When I was 17 I told jokes over the piano at my school's talent show and it actually went well.

[Nathanael begins playing "Back in High School"]

C Am7 C/E Fsus2 (repeat)

The joke that was everyone's favorite was unexpectedly, "Whenever I take my girlfriend out on a date, I take her to the library, 'cause then when she starts talking I'm like, 'Shh, you can't do that here,'"

I know that joke is a bit misogynistic, but that was me at 17, I've grown a lot since then, I don't have a girlfriend anymore.

D F D Gsus G Gsus G

What I'm trying to say is... that...

 C Am7 C/E Fsus
Back in high school I was not yet a man
 C Am7 C/E Fsus2
I didn't know that everything was part of a plan
 C Am7 C/E Fsus2
Back in high school it was just a routine
 C Am7 C/E Fsus2
To look at everybody else and ask what it means
D F
Try and hold on way too hard to get some relief
 D Gsus G Gsus G
When letting go was all that I needed

C Am7 C/E Fsus2 (repeat)

Pre-Chorus: Am C/G D Am C/G D

I spent the next 10 years trying to be as talented as possible and in the past year I realized, all I'll ever be is a massive nerd.

No matter how good I get at telling jokes, doing spoken word poetry, writing songs, playing basketball, chess, table tennis, doing kickflips on my tech deck...

[Nathanael does a kickflip on a tech deck]

Pre-Chorus: (Am C/G D Am C/G D) x 2/ Gsus G (x2)

I'll never be as cool as when I embrace that I have the most fun being a total nerd.

I'll never be like everybody else. "Comparison is the thief of joy", Theodore Roosevelt said that, and he went to Harvard, what a nerd?!

C G/B amin7 Fsus2
'Cause Nothing comes fast to those who wait

C G/B amin7 Fsus2
But running fast makes my ankles break

C G/B
I ran as quick as smoking gun

amin Fsus2

Living fast and dying young

C G/B
Spent all of my self-esteem

amin Fsus2
On pretty girls and lucid dreams

C G/B
Tried to get back up with pride
amin Bbmaj7 Csus

But everything inside me died
Bbmaj7 Gsus

C Am7 C/E Fsus2 (on repeat)/ pre chorus

It's interesting. I found out the word "talent" was a Roman monetary unit representing nearly 20 years' wages. I hope everyone here uses their talent to make 20 years worth of income, and as someone who has made very little money in my life despite my numerous talents, I hope everyone here uses their talent to make 20 years worth of wages,

D F D Gsus (hold until)

but take it from someone who has made very little money in their life despite their numerous talents, make sure you have fun doing it, because it took me 20 years to figure that out.

(optional per time):

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But running fast makes my ankles break

C G/B
I ran as quick as smoking gun

amin Fsus2
Living fast and dying young

C G/B
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But everything inside me died

Bbmaj7 Gsus

C Am7 C/E Fsus2
After high school I was just 29

C Am7 C/E Fsus2
I felt like I could do it all and swallow my pride

C Am7 C/E Fsus2
After high school I was living a lie

C Am7 C/E Fsus2
Gave all that I got up to the Man in the sky

D F
If I trust in Him I swear I know I'll be fine

D Gsus G
My darkness can't sit still in the Light

C Am7 C/E Fsus2 (repeat)

I hope you nerds had a good time.

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