[I should have told them I was sick last week](https://genius.com/Jason-robert-brown-climbing-uphill-lyrics#note-12833084)

[They're gonna think this is the way I sing](https://genius.com/Jason-robert-brown-climbing-uphill-lyrics#note-12833084)

[Why is the pianist playing so loud?](https://genius.com/Jason-robert-brown-climbing-uphill-lyrics#note-12833090)

[Should I sing louder?](https://genius.com/Jason-robert-brown-climbing-uphill-lyrics#note-12833090)

[I'll sing louder](https://genius.com/Jason-robert-brown-climbing-uphill-lyrics#note-8518649)

Maybe I should stop and start over

I'm gonna stop and start over

Why is the director staring at his crotch?

Why is that man staring at my resume?

Don't stare at my resume

[I made up half of my resume](https://genius.com/Jason-robert-brown-climbing-uphill-lyrics#note-10344343)

Look at me

Stop looking at that, look at me

No, not at my shoes

[Don't look at my shoes](https://genius.com/Jason-robert-brown-climbing-uphill-lyrics#note-10344351)

[I hate these fucking shoes](https://genius.com/Jason-robert-brown-climbing-uphill-lyrics#note-10344351)

Why did I pick these shoes?

Why did I pick this song?

Why did I pick this career?

Why does this pianist hate me?

If I don't get a callback

I can go to Crate and Barrel with Mom and buy a couch

Not that I want to spend a day with Mom

But Jamie needs space to write

[Since I'm obviously such a horrible, annoying distraction to him](https://genius.com/Jason-robert-brown-climbing-uphill-lyrics#note-10795041)

[What's he gonna be like when we have kids?](https://genius.com/Jason-robert-brown-climbing-uphill-lyrics#note-12316713)

And once again...

Why am I working so hard?

[These are the people who cast Linda Blair in a musical](https://genius.com/Jason-robert-brown-climbing-uphill-lyrics#note-8518653)

[Jesus Christ, I suck, I suck, I suck, I suck](https://genius.com/Jason-robert-brown-climbing-uphill-lyrics#note-10344356)