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Rainman just can't see you

IF Brisbane MC Rainman fails to acknowledge you from across the street take pause before sounding off.

He's not being rude - he just can't see you.

Born with a rare degenerative eye condition, the man known to his mother as **Ray Bourne** often cannot see his audiences very well but he certainly wants them to hear him.

Can't See You is Rainman's first solo track to be released in the four years since his well-received debut *Fire in the Belly* was labelled a watershed in local hip hop by *The Courier-Mail*.

Can't See You sees Rainman teamed up with heavyweight Sydney beat maker **Chasm (Astronomy Class)**, and backed up by the vocals of local favourite

Laneous from Laneous & The Family Yah.

The tune, a free download on the internet, breaks down the ins and outs of the wordsmith's life with a form of juvenile macular dystrophy, an incurable eye condition that leaves him with about 50 per cent of normal vision.

He became tired of people mistakenly thinking they were being snubbed when he failed to recognise them.

"I felt like a bit of a broken record justifying that I wasn't being rude and ignoring people," he said.

"I've just got really bad eyesight that isn't fixed by glasses and not fixed by laser surgery either.

"It seemed to happen enough times that I figured it would make things easier if I just wrote a track about it."