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## Kanye West Reclaims Center Stage

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Governors Ball on Sunday;  
the Wythe Hotel in  
Manhattan on Monday's event.

They still needed lyrics. I scored 40 points for you in two hours before he had to do it. He did exactly that."

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Since the release of his debut, "The College Dropout," his albums have sold a combined 13.4 million U.S. copies, according to Nielsen. His most recent solo album, "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy," was a critics' favorite of 2010.

Once known for knotty rhyme schemes and samples of old soul songs, Mr. West has adopted elongated rhymes, half-singing and raw shrieks on "Yee-

because of his relationship with reality TV queen Kim Kardashian, who is pregnant with their child. Mr. West previewed his new music one month ago

the "SNL" performance he sought out Mr. Rubin. "We ended up listening to three hours of partially finished pieces," said the producer via email. "The raw material

