Ha ha ha, they say start it all over again Whatever you goin through it's somebody goin through somethin worse Let's do this

And that's life in the city kid Everybody ain't gon' make it out the hood (out the hood) You wanna flow like Bizzy did Just keep the faith, and it's all to the good

Your girl is cheatin on you, you finna go to jail Now you just lost yo' job, yo' house is up for sale Your friend just passed away, before you said goodbye Your son goin to war, and you still don't know why Yo' mom contracted AIDS, and right before she died She couldn't speak a word, but she can blink her eyes See she was paralyzed, and you so scared to cry You wanted to show her your strength, and tell her the Lord provides The church is takin money, sellin granny a dream She wanna go to heaven, think she can get it with green Yo' cousins gettin rich, off of a triple beam You see him losin weight, it started off with 'Premes It elevated to rocks, and now he's on the pipe He used to ride 22's, now cousin ride a bike Yo' momma got a man, her man he got a temper So he beat you right up, gets drunk and don't remember As soon as you go to school, yo' teacher asked "What happened?" Your peers they know the story, you say "Ain't nuttin crackin" Yo' money's runnin low, and it ain't no welfare Remember 'Pac said, "Who in the hell cares?" But Bizzy cared for ya, see I can only stare These are the muddy waters, that I can see and hear See and hear, see and hear, see and hear See and hear...

You had you four friends, and y'all grew up together On the corner swiggin wines, singin about the ghetto Breakin bread, stealin cars, and stayin in trouble House parties with the homies and then watchin 'em rumble But soon yo' friendship crumbles, as you grow up in life You reached the age of 30, and soon forget yo' plight What if they blew up, and became the biggest group EVER? I guess we'll never know; that's just the way it goes Havin high school dreams of turnin pro Catch an injury and now the scouts ain't 'round no mo' Studyin to be a doctor but get pregnant in school You decided to keep yo' child, now you must provide the food At the tender age of 50, reachin your golden years These are the muddy waters, that I can see and I hear Bizzy cared for ya, but baby I can only stare These are the muddy waters, that I can see and I hear

This for my momma, this for my children This for my sister, and Eazy-E 'Pac, Biggie, Big Pun, Aaliyah, Left-Eye Capo rest in peace nigga