

# Gun

Gil Scott-Heron

Brother man nowadays livin' in the ghetto  
Where the dangers sure enough real.  
Well when he's out late at night,  
and if he's got his head on right,  
Well, I lay you 9 to 5 he's walking with steel.

Brother Man says he's 'fraid of gangsters  
Messing with people just for fun  
He don't want to be next.  
He got a family to protect.  
So just last week he bought himself a gun.

R:  
Everybody got a pistol, everybody got a .45  
And the philosophy seem to be,  
At least as near as I can see,  
When other folks give up theirs, I'll give up mine.

This is a violent civilization;  
If civilization's where I am.  
Every channel that I stop on  
Got a different kind of cop on  
Killing them by the million for Uncle Sam.

Saturday night just ain't that special.  
Yeah, I got the constitution on the run.  
'Cause even though we've got the right  
To defend our home, to defend our life,  
Got to understand to get it in hand about the guns.

R:  
Saturday night just ain't that special.  
Freedom to be afraid is all you want.  
Yes if you don't want to be next.  
You've got a family to protect.  
9 out of 10, you've got a friend, you've got a gun.

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