I used to pedal down the street just on the other way
My heart began to race like every time they'd call my name
They sneaking up beside every time they came
Find me then they'd chase me until I got away
Fast forward right into the 7th grade
I'm on the bus and I could see it's just another day
Turned around and I could hear him calling out my name
Running off his mouth that's the time now when he came
Stood my ground didn't run away
Bloodied his lip but he went and stomped on my face
Got my nose split plus my shirt is stained
Next day all I heard was the kids say

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I live amongst these spaces they was not my home
I'm staring into these faces they was not my own
I'm dealing with these racists every time I roam
Trying to find some places up in the mazes all up in my zone
I pedal on my bike I pray I make it home
They chased me to the light my heart was in my throat
They want to fight I hate my life nobody knows
What it's like when your white but in the hood you all alone

Higher than a kite in all the space I go
I can not break this pain that's taking hold
Every night I punch the pillow till I make a hole
The middle of a life that's grown so very cold

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9th grade got me filled up just in a rage
At the kids that used to mess with me every day
Never thought that I'd become the same
As the very ones that I'd grown up now to hate
But the summer just when I moved away
I lost everything I was so ashamed
At every single screw up that I made
Plus Jesus came in and took every sin away
And I was saved and I was changed
And I prayed the pain would go away
Sometimes I reminisce the day
When I'm walking down the hall then I just heard the say

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