

# Red Clay Chronicles

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Edgewood Avenue down in Atlanta, Georgia  
There buildin' a brand spankin' new high rise  
It used to be a crack spot, other side of the track spot  
I hear 'em say it needs to be gentrified  
They say that the people down here are worthless  
And they just need to be swept away  
It's really not worth any kind of investment  
We're all on welfare anyway

They're bringin' a new world and a new time  
Young blood, get yo'self together  
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A high school diploma ain't really no education  
All they give you for that is back-breakin' work  
They really oughta make it so you could go to public college  
But that would seem too much like rice  
You see the Old Fourth Ward got a lot of culture  
The only thing it lacks is capital cash flow  
But then again when you really come to think about it  
The money pretty much all goes to dough

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They already kick folks out of Grady  
It's a matter of months for the Wheat Street homes  
There's a run-down gump right next to MLK's crib  
Pearl Cleage never wrote a more poignant poem

We're livin' in a new world and a new time  
Young blood, get yo'self together  
Livin' a new world and a new time, hey  
Young blood, you can't play the corner forever

Sing it again for me  
Welcome to the future, young bloods  
A new place and a new time  
You know, they're reconstructin' all of the  
Cities and neighborhoods into a, new Hollywood  
For tourists and people with upper class  
And upper-middle class status  
Now gentrification is cool when you got money  
But what about the, local residents and the common folks  
And the blue collar workers  
They wanna enjoy and participate but it seems  
They're bein' forced to migrate  
With all these high priced homes and high mortgage interest rates  
Shit, the cost of livin' alone got us all  
Diggin' through the holes in our bridges  
So when you think gentrification  
You need to be thinkin' about your synth-preservation  
Get your education and invest your money  
Stop rentin' and start buyin'

These are words from Cool-Lada