

Gangsta's Paradise

Artas

As I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I take a look at my life and realize there's nothin' left.
Cause I've been laughing and blasting so long,
That even my mama thinks that my mind is gone!

But I ain't never crossed a man that didn't deserve it,
Me be treated like a punk, yeah
You know that's unheard of.
You better watch how you're talking
And where you're walking,
Or you and your homies might be lined in chalk.

I really hate to trip but I gotta loc,
As they croak, I see myself in the pistol smoke.
I'm the kinda G the little homies wanna be like,
On my knees in the night
Saying prayers in the streetlight.

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Look at the situation, they got me facin',
I can't live a normal life, I was raised by the streets.
So I gotta be down with the hood team,
Too many television watching
Got me chasing dreams.

I'm an educated fool with money on my mind,
I got a tin in my hand and a gleam in my eye.
I'm a loc'd out gangsta set trippin' banger,
And my homies are down, don't arouse my anger.

Death ain't nothing but a heartbeat away,
I'm living life, do or die, what can I say?
I'm 23 now, but will I live to see 24?
The way things are going, I don't know!

So tell me why are we so fucking blind to see,
The ones we hurt are you and me?

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Power and the money, money and the power,
Minute after minute, hour after hour.

Everybody's running, but half of them ain't looking,
What's going on in the kitchen
But I don't know what's cookin'.

They say I gotta learn, but nobody's here to teach me,
If they can't understand it, how can they reach me?
I guess they can't
I guess they won't
I guess they front
That's why I know my life is out of luck.

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