She gotta condition of the heart a heart condition So as a kid she had to adapt to smarter livin' Not much room to rebel because of health No drugs no booze just kiss and tell Well known on the scene jailbait queen Had the first baby barely eighteen Father of the child was after one thing When the daughter came the dad was unseen It don't matter he ain't got a job So she had to go work And leave the baby with her mom Second shift 'til the neck is stiff But she worked it and built her own nest to live Soon after that baby's daddy Lazy bum with no cash He wanna come over and crash He wanna play his part So she let him move into that garden level apartment She knew better she did it anyways Explain better when you're tryin' to see some better days The sun's up catch those rays Butterflies now who's got chase? But she still dreams after she woke tight hold on that hope Sometimes it can seem so cold do what you gotta do to cope Two years later two months pregnant Same daddy same broke ass situation This time the doc said her heart might break Praise god that the job got her health benefits straight She believes in the right to choice But she loves baby girl and she wants a boy Makes more nowadays on the day shift Balance that with night classes Take some time and space and make it all fit The apartment they now live in is overcrowded Raised her voice and made her point Told that boy go get employed He put on his best shirt Said he wasn't comin' back 'til he gets work She knew what that part meant So she swept ever y piece out that apartment Peace out keep out take the scenic route Rather only hafta feed three mouths She adapts to everything now And nobody asks what she dreams about But she still dreams after she woke tight hold on that hope Sometimes it can seem so cold do what you gotta do to cope Little girl was her first reason to breath And her little man was the first man she believed in She gotta live right and do right by self She do for self she don't want your help Afraid of being alone But fear ain't enough to knock her off of that stone Gonna make that home a home With or without a man that she can call her own Big boss at work is anxious Continues to hand her the wrong advances She passes the test she knew the answers

Quit the job to go take a chance with life
This is life we all strain
While we pray for dollars and we work for change
It's all the same we all struggle
Sometimes you gotta say fuck you
When you smile and she doesn't return it
Give her room and don't disturb it
If it makes it hurt less to curse and fight
Go ahead and hate the world girl you earned the right now
But she still dreams after she woke tight hold on that hope
Sometimes it can seem so cold do what you gotta do to cope