

# The Nation

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Baby, don't you know  
Everything you do away from home  
Could leave me here alone  
So baby don't you go  
No! [x7]

I saw a kid 12 years old, with a pack of cigarettes and a Glock  
Cause in this 'partments it was easy to cop  
Looking for a nigga slipping, yeah they easy to spot  
In the streets the enemies are just as evil as cops  
The only word he ever heard from his pops was  
If this the devil's world then who hangs out at the top  
He had cocaine dreams, and Scarface nightmares  
I thought to myself, does anyone in this life care  
Growing too fast like his days are lightyears  
His mama says go to church, you need a light prayer  
You think the streets need you? Well I need you right here  
You need to slow it down, cause the streets don't fight fair  
For real!

It's easy to get in trouble in the place where I'm from  
Niggas lacking the education but be packing a gun  
I just kick it with the homies and be having some fun  
Mama keep calling, I understand you protecting your son  
You found that I be smoking and I know it makes you mad  
And I know you see his trace, scared Imma be just like my dad  
Scared I'm doing something bad, scared I might end up dead  
Well look I chose another path so get those worries out your head  
Imma keep on doing it how I'm doing it  
Stay working hard, making this music and  
Show you I got to get it, I do  
And they asking my motivation and I reply that it's you mama

A deadly trend that never ends  
City full of negligence, pregnant pedestrians  
I used to think am I a prisoner or a resident  
They book us for possession but they keep shipping weapons in  
Either the Glock shoots you or a cop do you  
They set the system up to lock you up a lot sooner  
Everything you try to do they try to out do you  
My mama said hallelujah cause I got a future  
I got a future after something newer  
They try to sell you bullshit because it sounds cooler  
And if you stand out from the crowd they label you a loser  
Don't throw your life away, don't let your eyes fool you  
That's how they use you