Smiles, laughter, good times Family, friends, no ties Wild, Young And I'm about to take you back deeper than I can remember Let me start with the smiles, the laughter, the good times With the family, the friends and the no ties She was wild, young but that was all about to change Because she had responsibility now She had a life in her tummy, I'm talkin' bout my mummy Daddy seen us as a meal ticket din' he Well she replaced him like a real women should've done And everything for her child like a real women could And I was born on the 20th of the 12th 1990 She told me that shed never seen anything like me I bet she didn't know I'd hold her back tight Given birth to a soldier that will always fight for her Now let me take you to my childhood And I remember it being real good I didn't know that the ninetys were full of gangsters And the ghetto was established and were talking Bout the real hood I just remember sitting in that living room And for as long as I could hold a pen I was drawing For as long as I could see I dream I had visions of a city that was sparklin

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Now I'm reaching for the stars
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Yeah drama, stress, no dough Tears, pain, so broke, lost, child And I'm about to take you back to the place that I'm just tryna forget With the drama, the stress and the no dough And the tears, the pain, so broke, lost, child But that was all about to change cos I was growing up Defended for myself look I had a step daddy right But yin and yan hasn't always been black and white Cos I could remember occasions where we would have a fight And I would run away, sit down and look up at the sky Questioning my worth, am I a mistake? Cos I'm black and my sisters white Does it mean it's fate? That I end up on the street Bottle at my feet questioning, where I'm gonna sleep And how I'm gonna eat? Hell no

Lemme tell you how it's gonna be
I'm the priest of my own religion
I can only preach what I know
And what I've seen I can tell the streets
Every story from my journal I'm just still tryna compete
With the lows, the peak when your tryna find your feet
And your future looks so bleak you turn to the streets and the roads
My mummy tried her best and Ignored the side effects
Cos the struggle taught me all that I know

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