

As I walk thru the valley of the shadow of death  
I take a look at my life and realize there's much left  
'Cause I've been brassin' and laughin' so long that  
Even my Mama thinks that my mind is gone  
But I never crossed a man that didn't deserve it  
Me be treated like a punk, you know that's unheard of  
You'd better watch how you talkin', and where you're walkin'  
Or you and your homies might be like a chap  
I really hate to check but I gotta look  
As they croak I see myself in the pistols smoke ... fool  
I'm the kind of cheater little homies wanna be like  
On my knees in the night, sayin' prayers in the street light  
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They got the situation, they got me facin'  
I can't live with no more right, I was raised by the street  
So I gotta be damned with the hood team  
Too much television watchin' got me chasin' dreams  
I'm a educated fool with money on my mind  
Got my 10 in my hand and a gleam in my eye  
I'm a loped out placeto certain trippin' banker  
And my homing is down so don't arouse my anger ... fool  
Dead bay nothin' but a heart beat away  
I'm livin' light, do or die, what can I say  
I'm 23 now but will I live to see 24  
The way things is goin' I don't know  
Tell me why are we so blind to see  
That the ones we hurt are you and me  
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The Power and the money, money and the power  
Minute after minute, hour after hour  
Everybody's money, but half of them ain't lookin'  
It's goin' on in the kitchen, but I don't know what's cooking  
They say I've got to learn but nobody's there to teach me  
If they can't understand 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 for  
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