These distraught thoughts of a single mother in a homeless shel ter

About pain and heartache, ain't nothing you can tell her
The case worker says that she should find a job
But does this worker know what kind of jobs that there are?
Degrading things like cleaning up people's vomit
For a little bit of dough, and plus your brain gets nothing fro
m it

I'm smarter than that this girl thinks to herself
I'm worth more than that, she thinks to herself
She pours a drink for herself while she stares out the window
This guy says he got work for her, maybe she should go to him y

The money's good, and plus he'll dress her up nice
She left her baby's daddy cuz he beat her up twice
She don't really like sex
But she hates welfare checks

And where there's money, that's where she thinks there's respec t

And what's this girl's purpose? Will she self-destruct? When this sisters about to go down, who's there to help her up?

These distraught thoughts of a young man in a rooming house This messed up life, this poverty, he could do without But what options does he have when all hope is gone? A brother gotta eat, plus all the Henny and all the smoke is go ne

All it takes is one quick stick
Gotta fill his belly now, which vic should he pick?
He does his dirt all by his lonely, forget his homies
He doesn't fell like splitting any loot, them suckas be acting phony

So much potential but all gone to waste

Now he lurks in night, with a loaded gun on his waist

Too late for this lost soul, his life's in a chokehold

Mentality is weak, and doing crime is all he knows

Never caring who he hurts, as long as he's taking money

Forget an education, and legal ways of making money

And what's this kid's purpose? Will he self-destruct?

When a brother's about to go down, who's there to help him up?

Who's there for my people on the streets? (Who's there? Who's there?)

Who's there for my people who got nothing to eat? (Who's there? Who's there?)

They build more prisons, and close down schools Who's there to teach the children the golden rules? (Who's there?)

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Who's there for my people who got nothing to eat? (Who's there? Who's there?)

They break our family, neglect the elderly

Who's there to bring a cure? Where's the remedy?(Who's there? W ho's there?)