[Verse 1] Why does Juvenile gotta suffer so much All this love in the hood keeps me in a fuss Last night, me and the fellas almost got smoked We heard gunshots and we said "we all broke" A 2 mile chase hitting corners quick Thank god we alright and made it to the bricks Now I gotta carry a nine I guess These brothas try to peel my cap, so I gotta put em to rest Now is it really worth the fighting and fuss We killed one of them, they killed one of us A young teenage black male Gave em a brand new 40 and he got locked in jail They say thats how it's supposed to be But I don't think that kind of life was chosen for me So I send up the sin I pray To the Lord to conversate To end all of this hate [Chorus] Living inside ghetto is not a joke, not a joke I keep on seeing fellas from hood getting smoked Living inside ghetto is not a joke, not a joke I keep on seeing fellas from hood getting smoked Living inside ghetto is not a joke, not a joke I keep on seeing fellas from hood getting smoked Living inside ghetto is not a joke, not a joke I keep on seeing fellas from hood getting smoked [Verse 2] I wouldn't be alive if I didn't say I'm the type of person that praise every day Brothas in the hood ain't the same They got a gun and they change Now they say I changed cause I'm making records But I'm still in the hood handing out some chicken Teenage sistas getting happy drawls Used to be quiet, now she do it all It's hard to understand this shit

[Chorus]

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And everybody I question say "life's a bitch" My life is a bitch, because I made it that

So I'm praying to the Lord, please change me back

[Verse 3]

My family's not together like they should be And I don't think they ever will be My grandma is the only one that says she loves us

So whats the reason for the everyday scream fuss Daddy just got killed last week
For my boy on the curb, may he rest in peace
Then they went and killed Teck
Now I'm thinking "is the Juv next?"
I don't wanna run when I can't hide
Lord if I go, just make sure I'm on your side

[Chorus]

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