

## Little Ghetto Boy

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Little ghetto boy  
Playing in the ghetto street  
What'cha gonna do when you grow up  
And have to face responsibility?

Will you spend your days and nights in the pool room?  
Will you sell caps of madness to the neighborhood?  
Little ghetto boy

You already know how rough life can be  
'Cause you've seen so much pain and misery

Little ghetto boy  
Your daddy was blown away  
He robbed that grocery store  
Don't you know that was a sad, sad old day?  
All of your young life  
You've seen such a misery and pain  
The world is a cruel place  
And it ain't gonna change

You're so young, you've got so far to go  
But I don't think you'll reach your goal  
Young man, hanging 'round the pool room door  
Look out, y'all...

Little ghetto boy  
When, when, when you become a man  
You can make things change, hey hey  
If you just take a stand  
You gotta believe in yourself and in all you do  
You've gotta fight to make it better  
You'll see how other people will start believing too  
My son, things will start to get better

Everything has got to get better...