Ooh, ooh, ooh, hey yeah, ahh no So much yeah, ooh

There's so much trouble in my life

Sometimes it gets so bad I just breakdown and cry
I got my rent to pay and it's overdue

Don't wanna sale my body just to make it through
You see I can't depend upon no man
To be responsible or even understand
It's just the way it is at this point and time
Sometimes it gets so scared unless it blows my mind
Me and my homegirls, we got a plan
Every night at seven we'll take things in our own hands
Now we can play around, let's make some ends
I got my hustle on cause money's my best friend

I wanna be stress free, rest easy at night But there's so much drama goin' on in my life These days, nights missed get you labeled naive And commons get taking for stupidity So I keep my guard up in this macho world Cause everybody's running game on mama's little girl We getting babies from shady, wanna-be playas Who wanna lay us, stick ya, hit ya, forget ya while we stay up Crying till our eyes are swollen Single mothers got the weight of the world on they shoulders Want em' to hold us and tell us it's gon' be alright Even the hardest sister needs a good man in her life I paid the price and my life is still in a damper After times of dirty dancing, get the babies pampers And don't talk about the welfare and how they knock us Knowing that chunp change can't provide nothing proper While the doctors give us new-age birth control They make the swollen to skinny Bleeding constantly or missing monthly, scrapping pennies While my kid's daddy slinging those Z's But ain't doing shit for neither one of these Should I ease up, grab a case, and set it off like Jada Break with the paper, get in a comfort zone from pullin' capers Makes us wanna holler, scream, and shout and say Oh father, why I got live this way

I don't know why I live this way (I don't know why I live this way)
I don't know why I live this way (Ooh, ooh, ooh, yeah, yeah)
I don't know why I live this way (I don't know why I live this way)
I don't know why I live this way (Don't know why, I live this way)

All my sisters keep ya head up, we ain't giving up without a fight There's been a struggle but pretty soon we gonna bubble Though trouble be knocking on my door like every 24-7 Heaven knows that I like to keep the bills in check and Letting my kids down on they birthday Gnaws at my heart and tears me apart Can't let it go like this Racing through the malls at Christmas time, Babylon Got my mind on trip, December 25th ain't gotta bit To do with Christ or his birth

Greedy devils give us pagan, holler

And profit off us give praise for better days

Better be ahead of what I said

Third, I can see I can destroy the mental chains on our enslaved brains

Cocaine, be the aim, be the means of profit

But logically it tells me I'm going to jail and getting killed

Oh well, I gotta do what I gotta

Until a new day when I don't have to ask why I live this way