We all experience pain
And we have our own struggles
It's all about how you come out of it
What don't kill you make you stronger
And what don't break your pockets, make your money longer

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Breakfast in the morning, yeah it's finger lickin' good
Bunch of laughs outside the window, kids playing in the hood
Get dressed, step outside, and know today is gonna be good
But I'm still on the high alert 'cause niggas still from the hood
Everybody see the ghetto as being a bad place
Where people run a muck, niggas stuck in a sad state
They don't see the good times that outweigh the bad days
In the hood we still smile to lighten up them dark caves
Have a cookout, make the kids dance, then we share a couple laughs
Pop a bottle, share it with my homies, nigga fuck a glass
Bouta roll up, tell em hold up, pass the blunt before I spazz
'Cause its five niggas smoking on a dime bag of gas

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Know plenty fathers at the bottom making shit work everyday
Know plenty mothers heart would suffer 'cause their son just joined a gang
Know plenty brothers want to kill a nigga that his sister dates
Sister taking care of the kids 'cause momma high and out her brain
Yeah it's sad and it sucks but we still find ways to make it
Or replace it if we gotta fucking do it then we'll take it
It's the basics that we lack, that why seem so damn impatient
People fear it, won't go near it, but we forced to just embrace it
In the hood you gotta find out what works
And if you get it to work, you can still end up hurt
And what hurts, can make you feel even worse
And what's worse, is that's not even the worst

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