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Raised within this city, ay I left and I went up in flames Tearing down my pretty frame I sought a change, my pity stayed Pouring rain, no umbrella Stories of this young fella Kicking ball in Umbros His son knows he's doing better Never claimed to owe you nothing I just know you holding something I do pray you let it go Been praying that you do recover The presence of my brother soul I felt as if we knew each other Then I seen the spirit glow I'm sorry that you had to suffer We ain't meet in this life I know that we'll meet in another Ain't no dimmin' this light A lot of me left to uncover I would hold my fist tight Biting teeth and bloody knuckles Now that I've reached his height I hold him close and say I love him I love you Say I love him

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