Sat at attention
You're always late
Can't pay attention
'Cause there's a light on your plate
You're missin' the school so the teachers quit
Oh, what you gonna do?
When you're just a kid

Well, they don't know 'bout your story Your life has only begun No, they don't know 'bout your story Don't let them say how it ends

They took away your cousins and your daddy, too You can't get a job And the rents all but due Your mother got a lawyer that she just can't afford You think you're grown, but you're Still a boy

Well, they don't know 'bout your story Your life has only begun No, they don't know 'bout your story Don't let them say how it ends

One day
You'll grow in, and
One day
They'll know just how hard it was to say no
To a life under street lights
Running from street fights
Its hard to leave your friends on the roads

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No, they don't know 'bout your story Your life has only began No, they don't know 'bout your story Don't spend your life in the end

Yo, what's up Ray, I hope you're amazin', sis
I'm sending so much love, ifs dynamite
I just want to take a second here
To reach out to all the young people out there
You know, far and wide
Life can be so challenging
You know? But whatever may be throwing of your way right now
I would love to remind you of your strength
To remind you of how far you've come
To remind you to check your own history
Check all the things you've overcome thus far

For those of you that are sufferin' or strugglin'
You know, please don't suffer in silence
Find someone to support you
You know, there's so much pressure
So much pressure out there, but you know what?
Ifs a new day
Ifs a new day, and the thing is
You are the new day
You're the gift