Johnny was a good boy
But got messed up by the wrong crowd
Everybody liked him
And he made his mother proud
But Johnny had a habit
And it wasn't smoking crack
In the wrong place at the wrong time
He took a bullet in the back

Johnny was Johnny was

Johnny was a gangster

Just thirteen with a forty five

He was living in a neighborhood where you fight to stay alive

Johnny wouldn't listen

He was told to get away

Now he's learned his lesson

Look what happens when you stay

Johnny was Johnny was Johnny was