

## 17th Street

Gil Scott-Heron

I've done a lot of travellin', seen a lot of pretty faces.  
I've sung my way out blues songs in extraordinary places.  
I come from 17th Street and that's on the other side of town,  
an' if you see me wit' my brothers  
don'cha dare go no further  
you know we gonna get down, down, down.

Some people think I'm crazy, they say gil,  
"it mus' be in yo' mind." They tell me  
"there jus' ain' no sane reason the way  
yawl get down ev'ry time."  
(I trytattellemthat):  
"I come from 17th Street an'  
that's where the brothers don' mess around"  
and if you lookin' for the music  
an' we find out you can use it  
you know we gonna get down, down, down.  
If you lookin' for excitement you may need  
only look next door  
because the brothers from 17th Street  
they don't all live there anymore.  
Some done moved to Harlem an'  
Some moved way uptown, but if you  
thinkin' bout the Spirit  
an' you want to get near it  
c'mon, c'mon an' get down, down, down.