

# We Almost Lost Detroit

Gil Scott-Heron

It stands out on a highway  
like a Creature from another time.  
It inspires the babies' questions,  
"What's that?"  
For their mothers as they ride.  
But no one stopped to think about the babies  
or how they would survive,  
and we almost lost Detroit  
this time.  
How would we ever get over  
losing our minds?  
Just thirty miles from Detroit  
stands a giant power station.  
It ticks each night as the city sleeps  
seconds from annihilation.  
But no one stopped to think about the people  
or how they would survive,  
and we almost lost Detroit  
this time.  
How would we ever get over  
over losing our minds?  
The sherrif of Monroe county had,  
sure enough disasters on his mind,  
and what would karen Silkwood say  
if she was still alive?

That when it comes to people's safety  
money wins out every time.  
and we almost lost Detroit  
this time, this time.  
How would we ever get over  
over losing our minds?  
You see, we almost lost Detroit  
that time.  
Almost lost Detroit  
that time.  
And how would we ever get over...  
Cause odds are,  
we gonna lose somewhere, one time.  
Odds are  
we gonna lose somewhere sometime.  
And how would we ever get over  
losing our minds?  
And how would we ever get over  
losing our minds?  
Didn't they, didn't they decide?  
Almost lost Detroit  
that time.  
Damn near totally destroyed,  
one time.  
Didn't all of the world know?  
Say didn't you know?  
Didn't all of the world know?  
Say didn't you know?  
We almost lost detroit...