For life, uh huh

Now what if I told you my city was the best And my city was a threat to the rest And my city was a threat to the rest This city is my city And I love it, yeah I love it I was born and raised here I got it made here And if I have my way, I'm gonna stay From every corner To every block yeah And whether it's warm or storming or downright stupid hot, hot From the problems all the way to the solutions yeah Forget all the drugs and gangs, corruption and pollution no Cause this city is my city And I love it, yeah I love it I was born and raised here I got it made here And if I have my way, I'm gonna stay here For life, uh huh Now what if I told you my city was the best And my city was a threat to the rest But you can't rest inside my city My city's so cold if you ain't dressed And what they accept, better had a right address Parts of my city, certain colors can't step And sadly I'm talking about the color of your skin Sorry my brother, I can't let you in Cause the property value might go down to a level that's Economically unacceptable and socially taboo for us to live around you Uh, uh, is this what it's down to? Root for the same team, maybe had the same dream Not the same reality, Actually, mines is a bad education and gentrification Despite all the above I love... This city is my city And I love it, yeah I love it I was born and raised here I got it made here And if I have my way, I'm gonna stay here For life, uh huh For life, uh huh For life, uh huh For life, uh huh For life, uh huh

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You can take my picture, You can take my name, But you're never gonna take my city away Cause you can burn it to the ground Oh or let it flood, but it's in my blood

Cause this city is my city
And I love it, yeah I love it
I was born and raised here
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And if I have my way, I'm gonna stay here
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