Welcome to the ghetto Livin' day by day in my hood on the spot See the same old things: same dope fiends cops Just an average day in the streets of California 5-0 find a young girl dead around the corner Mommies on her knees she had tears in her eyes And nobody knew why the young girl had to die People look ashamed it's been life this fo' years Bloody sheets on her body face wet from her mama's tears She couldn'ta been over 4-5 And if mommy wasn't based she would still be alive But now the street is a place you could be swallowed by death Brothas takin' each other's lives And goin' to REST IN PEACE I wonder if heaven got a ghetto My cousin died last year And I still can't let go I walk the streets of my city of my neighborhood Seein' dope fiends livin' off can goods 15 niggas on the corner And niggas die young in California 5-0 'll get a dope case and flaunt it Have your ass on "America's Most Wanted" But I don't slang or either gang-bang And though my old school homies do the same thang I still got love 'cause you gotta live So you can give And raise a family G But you gotta do your best slangin D-O-P-E So keep a grip on yourself and stay mellow And welcome to the ghetto (welcome hard up with it to my life) ??

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From across the seas comes cocaine But you never seen a black man fly the plane Look at the news:a young black death Was it drug related, take a guess I flash when I look in the mirror black Cause my reflection is a 9 millimeter Gat I think about genocide And have thoughts of my homies who died Everybody back stabbin But I ain't the one to talk I'm into gafflin' Death gives a shit about your color But yet I see mo dead young brothas I'm goin' crazy out here Seein' 24 brothas die by the end of the year And I still gotta deal with the 5-0And I stopped sellin' dope in 9-0 But if I came to it I probably still do it Put a Nine in my draws get straight to it I hope that I never see the day That I get 20 years for a cake

B-K-A as a key
So open up the door for the mo money
But I ain't gotta do that G
Cause I'm down with the F-A to the see to the you to the L-T-why
G-nut X-tra Large and S-P-I-see-E make niggas feel like jello
And welcome to the ghetto
(Welcome hard up with it to my life)

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