While growing up in the ghetto
My time went fast
See I be stealing from the grown ups
Running from the tasks

As I dash through the grass everyday Skipping class My daddy don't be tripping So you can kiss my ass

Pass the doogie doobie lefthand side Only nine years old getting high getting high I wonder why my teacher's sweating me I did my history It don't relate to me

My gpa 1.3 See I remember places the names streets dates Anybody rolling with stolen license plates But if that faked out of date shit

Wasn't in my way
Ask me anything or where I'm from
I bet I get an A minus
In fact I am the finest

Counting male faster than you can say your highness Don't combat me with dryness 'Cause I know the definition of any slang word So what's that synonym you're wishing?

I want to be a lawyer Accused of a liar like LaToya So I'm dropping the fourth grade Slinging lemonade

I am my own keeper A young o'erachiever Ten cents a cup, I'm a gonna have to leave that shit to beaver Now I lay me down to sleep

'Cause I can't eat my noodles right Dead bodies every other night We fucking up the appetite Tragedy is an everyday thing

Put on a video game sit some time
If I can stand the pain
Give me the knowledge from the street
Now watch me learn it

I went to get a job
But too young for a work permit
Don't come my way (fool)
I might just have to gack

They say we growing up fast But we just dying faster

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Chorus
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Always dropping the good or villain cop

Slam the child on the hard concrete

Repeat

Well it's June 17th

It couldnt have came to me no quicker

11 years old

My chest a little thicker

How you figger

My life is gonna be bigger and better

When that path I'm rolling on

Is similar to that crooked letter

Once I get a better view

To check out that avenue

Its drug infested

Planted there just for me to be tested

On the hard concrete

Now it's three years later

Came for me literally

Caught me up stacking that refrigerator

Ator

Catching shirley down the block

In the bucket

She stepped to the back

That's when I stuck it fuck it

My first piece of butt

It was just my luck

Cause nine months later

At my door she showed up

Damn I was stuck

Reminiscing in my seat

I just turned sixteen but to  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{me}}$ 

It's not sweet

No edumaction

This combination of ghetto life

Is a straine pass the ben gay cream

Eighteen looking as old as Don King

The indo in my brain

Keep asking my

How many years is it until my life expectancy

Well let's see

Another three done take away

And now the hustling games a part of me

Everyday

My life is on the line

Fool you can catch my fist

'cause any other place

Can be a better place than this

I'm now dismissed

My body hit the concrete

The bullet had no name

As it was introduced to me

The next morning

Headline front page

Young man shot 'cause of death of age

Try to rise above it all

Or drown in ...

Chorus

Man this is really something repeat