Would you like to go with me, down my dead end street? Would you like to come with me, to village ghetto life?

Let me tell you bout the village where I dwell, it's a... Living hell still tryin to make a heaven outta this right here Watching fo' the postman hopin fo' paper Please stop the bus mister driver, wait up we got... Rock fights where the dead end meets The stop lights is out so it's dead in the streets The countyline look long, but I'm kinda hungry So I pack a sack lunch, and got on Late for class again, it's half past 10 And moms gonna whoop ma ass again Now and then I get the feelin that the world is mine I start sittin back watchin time fly by But uh, I'm so proud to say That the ghetto is the reason that I'm loud today And you come get a glimpse of what's happenin See for yourself how it is where I live at

It shouldn't take long to see, the place that belongs to me It's all good, ain't nothin like home to me No Diplomas but I, got some knowledge out of My other partners that made it up outta here And now not a whole lot of us get rich But like the old saying goes "Ain't life a bitch?" Ah shit, the Landlord just raised the rent, fuck that! Dem old days that came and went like this There's more ways you can use your time instead of Looking for shit that you used to find By the age of 16 ya finally come to grips Livin life like this and nothin else mean shit Looking for a smooth getaway Cool, cuz soon I'll see a better day And if not - then I gots to deal with it I ain't makin this, up hell naw it's real nigga

No more suprises hopin I can open your eyes And so I'm trying, instead of lookin up in the sky I'm in the fast lane speed dreaming Nappin on cruise control please believe it! In my city when you see it at night, look different than it does in the day Ain't no tellin what'd happen if it wasn't this way I ain't trippin off of shit it's a good thing I made a name off the local neighborhood gang And at that time I started rhyming And, set up a hill without help to start climbing And I've been around this for a minute You gotta get your own mix and get wit it I made myself, learn to pay myself Nigga the game don't wait so I'ma stay myself And now you can go and tell another nigga On how the real ones is livin in the ghetto