So many of us done lost lives to the streets
As we reminisce I'm pourin liquor for the deceased
Thinkin bout the times that I spent with many of em
Hopin that the Lord let me see the millenium
Trapped in this ghetto main, seekin better days
Fightin for my conscience, tryin to shake these wicked
ways

I know it's wrong but it's hard to change
All my life, all I ever knew was hustle and game
Lookin for answers ever since I was a adolescent
Faced with rejection, early age stressin
But now ten years later with doodoo respect
I'm bustin million dollar raps and six digit checks
Showin love to my peeps and my love don't change
Here's a toast to you fakes, huh, here's to better days

Might sound strange, but I just can't run away I can't run, run, it might sound strange but I just can't run away I can't run, no, run away

Touch a meal ticket, shake a spot for good Never, I still got love for the neighborhood And even though now it's infested with gunplay on most days like Bootsy I can't stay away Cause if I shook like y'all shook on me Then whose gon' stay and guide the way for the lil homies?

I can't turn my head on my folks so I stay visible in these streets and try to give hope Born in the ghetto, raised in the ghetto Got love for the ghetto, I can't forget the ghetto How come everytime we get some change in our can we run away and try to move out as far as we can? I know that jealousy's the devil's greed but you worse

than a devil when you turn your back on these young G's Now feel every word that I say, hear my cry as I struggle out of thirst and search for better days

Might sound strange, but I just can't run away I can't run, run, run away!
Said I just can't run away
I can't run, run, run away
No I just can't run away
I can't run, run, runnnnnn away!

Another day another dollar, it feels good to look around and see I'm surrounded by real riders

Childhood comrades I ran with for years
Shared the same beer and tears over the same peers
Player haters swearin that all we all G's
off each others strength with these, regulates the same
cheese

No jealousy we all family like Sister Sledge Lace each other with game, so I can spin beer cans Loc I mean this, let no one come in between this
Keep our business among us, behind doors and eyes
closed
on those we consider as foes
Outsiders never exposed to your hustle
Plus I'm, never been one likely to trust em
No negative association, just dedication

Watch our kids grow together, as we get old together

Might sound strange, but I just can't run away I can't run, run, run away!
No I just can't run away
I can't run, I can't runnnnnnn away!
No I just can't run away
I can't run run run runnnnnn away

to watch our paper sprout like this bud mutation