

"Gangsta's Paradise"

As I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I take a look at my life and realize there's nothin' left
'Cause I've been [redacted] and laughin' so long, that
Even my momma thinks that my mind is gone
But I ain't never crossed a man that didn't [redacted] it
Me be treated like a punk, you know that's unheard of
You better watch how you talkin' and where you walkin'
Or you and your [redacted] might be lined in chalk
I really hate to trip, but I gotta loc
As they croak, I see myself in the pistol smoke, fool
I'm the kinda G the little homies wanna be like
On my [redacted] in the night, sayin' prayers in the streetlight

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Look at the situation they got me facin'
I can't live a normal life, I was [redacted] by the state
So I gotta be down with the hood team
Too much television watchin' got me chasin' dreams
I'm a educated fool with money on my mind
Got my ten in my hand and a [redacted] in my eye
I'm a loc'd out gangsta, set trippin' banger
And my homies is down so don't arouse my anger
Fool, death ain't nothin' but a heart beat away
I'm livin' life do or die, what can I say?
I'm 23 now, but will I live to see 24?
The way things is goin' I don't know

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Power and the money, money and the power
Minute after minute, hour after hour
Everybody's [redacted] but half of them ain't lookin'
It's goin' on in the kitchen, but I don't know what's cookin'
They say I gotta learn, but nobody's here to teach me
If they can't understand it, how can they [redacted] me?
I guess they can't, I guess they won't
I guess they frontin', that's why I know my life is out of luck, fool!

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