



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** blastin' 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 deserve 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 **homies** **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** that little **homies** wanna **be like**  
On my **knees** in the **night**, sayin' prayers in the **street light**

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Livin' in a gangsta's **paradise**  
**Been** spending most their **lives**  
Livin' in a gangsta's **paradise**  
**We keep** spending most our **lives**  
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Look at the **situation** they got me **facin'**  
I can't live a normal **life**, I was raised **by** the street  
So I gotta **be** down with the **hood team**  
**Too** much **television** watching, got **me** chasing **dreams**  
I'm a educated **fool** with money **on** my **mind**  
Got my **ten** in my **hand** and a **gleam** in my **eye**  
I'm a loc'd **out** gangsta, set trippin' **banger**  
And my homies are **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 **say?**



I'm 23 now, will I live to see 24?

The way things is going I don't know

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That the ones we hurt are you and me?

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Power and the money, money and the power

Minute after minute, hour after hour

Everybody's running, but half of them ain't lookin'

It's going 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 reach me?

I guess they can't, I guess they won't

I guess they front; that's why I know my life is out of luck, fool!

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