

## GANGSTA' PARADISE

from "Dangerous Minds"

As I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death,  
I take a look at my life and realize there's none left.  
"Cause I been blastin' and laughin' so long  
That even my momma thinks that my mind is gone.  
Well, 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're talking and where you're walkin'  
Or you and your homies might be lyin' in chalk.  
I really hate to trip but I gotta though.  
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  
Saying prayers in the streetlight.

Chorus: Been spending most their lives  
    Livin' in a gangsta's paradise  
    Been spendin' most their lives  
    Livin' in a gangsta's paradise.  
    Keep spendin' 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 streets,  
So I gotta be down with the hood.  
Too much television watchin' got me chasin' dreams.  
I'm an educated fool with money on my mind.  
Got my ten in my hand and a gleam in my eye.  
I'm a lowdown gangsta'  
Set trippin' banger  
And my homies is down  
So don't arouse my anger. Fool.  
Death ain't nothin' but a heartbeat away.  
I'm livin' life do or die.  
What can I say?  
I'm twenty-three now, but will I live to see twenty-four?  
The way things is goin' I don't know.  
Tell me why are we so blind to see  
That the ones we hurt are you and me.

Repeat chorus: Been...  
Power into money  
Money into power.

Minute after minute  
Hour after hour.  
Everybody's runnin' but half of them ain't lookin'.  
What'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, how can they reach me?  
I guess they can't.  
I guess they won't.  
I guess they frontin'.  
That's why I know my life is outta luck.  
Fool.

Repeat chorus: Been...