As I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I take a look at my life and realize there's nothing left
'Cause I've been blastin' and laughin' so long
That everyone thinks my mind is gone
But I ain't never crossed a man that didn't deserve it
To be treated like a punk, you know that's unheard of
You'd better watch how you're talkin' and where you're walkin'
'Cause this life will only leave you lined in chalk

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Forget the situation they got me facin'
I can't live a normal life, I was raised by the stripes
So I gotta be down with the hood team
These television watchin' got me chasin' dreams
Death ain't nothing but a heartbeat away
I'm living life do or die, what can I say?
I'm here right now, will I see tomorrow?
The way things are goin' I don't know

Tell me why are we So blind to see That the ones we hurt Are you and me (Tell me!)

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Power and the money, money and the power
Minute after minute, hour after hour
Everybody's runnin', but half of them ain't lookin'
What'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 I'm f\*cked
That's how I know my life is out of luck

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