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She could have been anything she wanted to be
Black rose, black rose, got addicted to these streets
Dedicated to the girls that grew up too early
13 going on 30, no direction, promiscuous, no protection
Babies raising babies, generation x
Blame it on the fathers who weren't there for their daughters
... she was a queen cause nobody never told her
Look just like her daddy, hate up her mother
She reminded of the pain that he caused before he left her
This very pain handed down to the next one
Now she got a granddaughter soaking up the lessons
Single black mothers is the real soldiers
That's why I ain't giving up on my black roses
Breaking the chains I'm trying to be the best father
Little Cecilia, she know her daddy loves her dearly, my black rose

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Started out telling me baby don't take no wood nickels And always keep your chin up, no matter what up Just me and her, plus big bro, My earliest memories was Brooklyn 12 flow Slum of the slums, I was young I cherished this So when she moved to Sacramento... I hated it Not even knowing it was cause of me Shit... 13, I was in the streets And she has seen that movie already ... that nigger that made me already So with nothing but a job and the babies She left the only home she know lately to save me Ain't no telling where I'd be now Probably a felon or an addict,... look at you see now You made me what I am today, I finally got a chance to say, you're my black rose

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Hey look, I don't need but I gotta have
And it's up to me, not Obama's ass
My... is 13, it seems like yesterday me and her mama started flirting
Look at how fast time passes may 8 '98 that's my favorite day
... I ain't around, I miss her
When I see is... I don't... that's just how we rock

... just like me, but only less friendly, that's my baby Sick of baby, get them baby, you the shit, daddy little baby I ain't gotta say much she already know She got... already I just let her go ... even though she knows I'm gonna tell her right now You're my black rose

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