Livin in the slums with the bums, the rats and the stray cats Dogs with the rabies, little babies are having babies Juveniles act wild Every footstep you take, on every corner there's a crack vial Pushers, dealers, crackheads are buying Now the dealer's in jail, all the crackheads are dying My man got AIDS, he was hit hard To get laid, he paid a crackhead for a five dollar quick job In the ghettoes this stuff you have to find A beer will relax my mind but I still pack my nine Cause I'm aware of all evil and devilishment Because I'm living in a rat like settlement Sometimes it's hard to manage I grab a forty take a sip and let the mental do the damage Yeah I'm woozy and my eyes are red But it's better than a uzi and a brotherman is dead See nine out of ten are black on black crimes Four out of nine were killed before their prime The other five wanted vengeance So now five out of five are doin a jail sentence Ask the Giant I've been through it So when I reach to the top, I say the ghetto made me do it And I know how to strive, huh Born and raised in the ghetto so you know I can survive

I gotta getaway, I gotta do it now or find a better way, so how that sound (both lines repeat 4X)

Chapter two, of every black man's diary Drugs and diseases, put in our society Kill another brother and it's bravery Come on that's one step backwards into mental slavery Yeah you best believe that's reality You got black on black then there's police brutality Yeah it's bad but what makes it sad Is that I'm being harassed by a black man with a badge He's sellin out because he's two-faced But you only got one race, you only got a nigga's face He's sellin out because times is hard And old ladies are gettin robbed cause I can't find a job Fight to the top, and the other man'll drop and gettin treated like savages will stop You got the right plan, but goin about it the wrong way Divided is the long way united is the strong way Too many died for us to take a pause So let's all get ours, and stop tryin to get yours Walk a straight path, but it's so easy to stumble So weak minds crumble in the concrete jungle Get your chance to sell drugs, you don't pass up But a fast buck will wind up to be your last buck It's a damn shame, you're deaf dumb and blind Did it ever cross your mind, you're killin off your own kind And pretty soon even you will be a goner Easy access to guns, liquor stores on every corner Street knowledge is a must, you never learn enough You're physically rough, but mentally you gotta be tough We shall overcome with no doubt

The runaway slave is sayin peace and I'm out

I gotta getaway, I gotta do it now or find a better way, so how that sound (2X)

"Let's runaway, let's escape"