

Live It Up

Willy Mason

The sun don't set in Gettysville
The place that I call home,
A thousand people walk these streets
But we're still all alone,
This city's isolation
Like the drug that paves the roads.
Take the subway uptown
To my mother's place.
She's got a thousand friends
But all they know of her's, her face,
All alone inside her head
Her thoughts begin to race.
Live it up
Live it up they say
Live it up
No time to waste your life away.
Next door to me the ceiling leaks
cracks stretch across the walls,
Like skeletons of dreams deceased
Too brittle to evolve,
He lies beneath his plastic sheets
Bitter and blind to all,
Shadows beneath his sunken eyes
Now taint all that he sees,
Like burned and blackened photographs
Life's easier a dream,
He settles for a cheap escape

Forgets all he believed.
Live it up
Live it up they say
Live it up
Things haven't always been this way.
I watched my whole world crumble
As I dried my mother's tears,
And learned to never stumble
As I calmed my father's fears,
They say I've seen a lot
They say I'm wise beyond my years,
Though my castle may have crumbled
I won't face the world alone,
The youth has seen the rubble
And we're ready for the load,
As this city burns
My generation's shouting in the roads.
Live it up
Live it up we say
Live it up
Things haven't always been this way
Live it up
We better turn this boat around
If we keep on following the gold
Someday we are gonna run aground
Live it up
Live it up we say
Live it up
cause now it's in our hands to make change