

# How I Got Over

## The Roots

(Uh, ha, huh, uh, ha, huh)

Out on the streets

(Yeah)

Where I grew up

(Ah, hah) First thing they teach us

(Uh)

Not to give a fuck

(Yeah, come on, baby)

That type of thinkin' can't get you nowhere

(Oh)

Someone has to care How I got over where the people come apart?

Don't nobody care about cha, only thing you got is God

Out here in these streets if you get down on your luck

You can stand up with a hand down but nobody give a fuck Out here in these streets every man is for himself

They ain't helpin' no one else, it's a hazard to your health

Livin' life in these cold streets (Hey)

Whose worryin' 'bout cha, babe

When you wiln' [unverified] out?

Runnin' around in these streets Out on the streets where I grew up

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(Ya) When you on the corners too much drama

Livin' with the police right behind ja'

It's always more than a slight reminda

We livin' in a war zone like Rwanda Before I go back to the heavenly Fatha

Pray for me if it ain't too much botha

Whatever don't break me or make me stronga

I feel like I can't take too much longa It's too much lyin' and too much fryin'

I'm all cried out 'cause I grew up cryin'

They all got a sales pitch, I ain't buyin'

They tryin' to convince me that I ain't tryin' We uninspired, we unadmired

And tired and sick of being sick and tired

A living in the hood where the shots are fired

We dyin' to live so to live we dyin', you just like I am Out on the streets

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(Ya, somebody, somewhere)  
Someone has to care  
(Somebody's gotta care)And I swear it isn't fair in suspended animation  
We ain't tryin' to go nowhere out here in these streets  
We're so young and all alone  
We ain't even old enough to realize we're on our ownLivin' life in these hard streets where it's like they lost  
their mind  
Is there anyway to find? are we runnin' out of time out here?Listen, hey, who's worryin' about cha, babe  
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