

Gangbangers

Coolio

As I walk thru the valley of the shadow of death
I take a look at my life and realize there's much left
'Cause I've been brassin' and laughin' so long that
 Even my Mama thinks that my mind is gone
 But I never crossed a man that didn't deserve it
Me be treated like a punk, you know that's unheard of
You'd better watch how you talkin', and where you're walkin'
 Or you and your homies might be like a chap
 I really hate to check but I gotta look
As they croak I see myself in the pistals smoke ... fool
 I'm the kind of cheater little homies wanna be like
On my knees in the night, sayin' prayers in the street light
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 They got the situation, they got me facin'
 I can't live with no more right, I was raised by the street
 So I gotta be damned with the hood team
 Too much television watchin' got me chasin' dreams
 I'm a educated fool with money on my mind
 Got my 10 in my hand and a gleam in my eye
 I'm a loped out placeto certain trippin' banker
 And my homing is down so don't arouse my anger ... fool
 Dead bay nothin' but a heart beat away
 I'm livin' light, do or die, what can I say
 I'm 23 now but will I live to see 24
The way things is goin' I don't know
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That the ones we hurt are you and me
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 The Power and the money, money and the power
 Minute after minute, hour after hour
 Everybody's money, but half of them ain't lookin'
 It's goin' on in the kitchen, but I don't know what's cooking
 They say I've got to learn but nobody's there to teach me
 If they can't understand how can they reach me
 I guess they can't
 I guess they won't
 I guess they front

That's why I know my life is out of luck for
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