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Why is he cussin' and callin' disgustin'
The city that is now his home
He never smiles or keeps up with styles
He is black and he is all alone
And you ask why he's this way
Well brother you're too blind to see
It's cause ellis dee ain't free like you and me
Get out of the street don't get high on my beat
Go on home the policeman warns
Just 'cause you're poor why do you declare war
I can't help the way that you were born
Why are they holdin' him down
He's spending his life on his knees
'cause ellis dee ain't free like you and me
Chorus:
Got to help ellis
Got to help ellis

You know we got to help ellis ellis dee
Try and help ellis you and me
Got to get to ellis hear his plea
Try and help ellis get free
Ellis got hooked, he got booked and he shook
In his cold little shivery cell
While out on the street in that same funky beat
Mister pusher was doing well
And ellis junior cries tears his daddy can't see
'cause ellis dee ain't free like you and me
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