

Ellis Dee

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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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