

# Rose In The Ghetto

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Since the day she was born she was often told she was beautiful  
Didn't understand why mommy told her,  
"No, take that ribbon out your hair that we can't afford."  
To make it as a star is all she waits for.  
A blanket in the car is all she call home.  
Don't wanna live here anymore.  
By the time she was 12 years old, Pops got ghost, took all their dough  
Now baby gotta do the only thing she know  
Begging kids for the clothes they don't wear no more  
And everybody know so she can't be cool  
Rumors goin' 'round at school  
Ma, please don't make me go there anymore  
Who said that a rose can't grow in the ghetto?  
Believe it or not, I promise the sun don't only shine in the meadows  
You do what you got til you got it and you're gone  
Cause oooh child things is going to get easier  
Oooh child things'll get brighter

16 and she still a child  
She tryna be grown and she acting wild  
Body like a model and killer smile  
Getting love from dudes the only why she knows how  
She's thinking to herself there's gotta be more than cutting on a Lexus floor  
Mama, don't guys fall in love anymore?  
She waking up dizzy at 3 and 4  
She's scared to tell her mom so she can't abort  
Everybody she done been with slams the door  
She's dolo until the day it's born  
But she ain't gon cry for nothing that spilled  
and ain't nobody love the way this kid live  
I got a rose of my own  
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