Washington, D.C.

Gil Scott-Heron

Symbols of democracy, pinned up against the coast
Outhouse of bureaucracy, surrounded by a moat
Citizens of poverty are barely out of sight
Overlords escape in the evening with people of the night
Morning brings the tourists, peering eyes and rubber necks
To catch a glimpse of the cowboy making the world a nervous wreck
It's a mass of irony for all the world to see
It's the nation's capital, it's Washington D.C.It's the nation's capital
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It's the nation's capital, it's Washington D.C.
(mmmm-hmmm)
May not have the glitter or the glamour of L.A.
May not have the history or the intrigue of Pompeii
But when it comes to making music, and sure enough making news
People who just don't make sense and people making do
Seems a ball of contradictions, pulling different ways
Between the folks who come and go, and one's who've got to stay
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It's the nation's capital, it's Washington D.C.Seems to me, it's still in light time people knifed up on 14th street
Makes me feel it's always the right time for them people showing up and coming clean
Did make the one seem kind of numbIt's the nation's capital
It's the nation's capital
It's the nation's capital, it's Washington D.C.
(mmmm-hmmm)
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Got you feeling capital
Punishment is capital in Washington D.C.

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