

# People

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The streets are paved with fallen souls (I don't know what I've been told)  
'Cause I ain't never been down that road  
The ghetto got a dirty name (the media pursued their flame)  
But tell me who are they to really say?  
It's not about the residents (damn what people think of them)  
Bush is sitting cozy on the hill  
So don't look down, look up high (don't let these people steal your pride)  
Use that ghetto bullshit as a shield

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Here we go another year (niggas juggling hate and fear)  
Time is moving like the twelve-hand  
It ain't all so political (black-on-black or physical)  
But everybody's got to understand  
See life ain't what it used to be (death is sowing many seeds)  
Removing like we'll never see pain  
I usually run through life but now (I act too quickly, slow it down)  
But I never, ever compromised myself

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The government's the biggest pimp (they take their cut and leave you with)  
Nothing at the end of the day  
I'm searching for a solitude (but all I find is niggas who)  
Smile and tell me lies to my face  
The industry's no better cause (they only show you mad love)  
When you're life and soul is living on the charts  
But when you're luck is facing down (those ones, they are not around)  
Will take your heart and put it in the ground

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