

# Ghetto Woman

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VERSE 1:

Carry on Ghetto Woman  
I see you working night to morning light yet no one cares  
Carry on Ghetto Woman  
Cause even though they laugh and talk about the clothes  
You wear  
I wish they could just realize  
That all you've ever needed was someone to free your  
Mind  
Carry on Ghetto Woman  
Cause even in your darkest hours I still see your light

[Chorus]

And when you cry don't you know that I am crying with  
You?  
When people put you down, yeah way down and you feel  
Like you're alone  
Let love be your guide  
You were built to last through any weather  
Oh Ghetto Woman hold on to your dreams  
And all your great philosophies  
You're the reason I believe in me, for real

VERSE 2:

Carry on Ghetto Woman  
When you doubt if you're a star, just know we still believe  
Carry on Ghetto Woman  
Even when the news portrays you less than you could be  
I wish they could just realize  
All you ever needed was someone to free your mind  
Carry on Ghetto Woman  
You're the 7th wonder reigning over us at night

[Chorus]

When you cry, don't you know we're right there crying with  
You  
People put you down, yeah way down and you feel like  
You're alone  
Let love be your guide

You were built to last through any weather  
Oh Ghetto Woman hold on to your dreams and all your  
Great philosophies  
You're the reason I believe in me, for real

BRIDGE:

Some say this ghetto land will take you down and poison  
You  
Some say she can do all the things a man can do  
Who said the ghetto's just a place where queens dance  
Naked on the moon?  
We say a woman came to change the face of each and every room

VERSE 3 (RAP):

When I was just a baby my momma dropped out of school  
It was only second semester the baby due  
The doctor said "December the first your due date?"  
The daddy he was gone off to college he couldn't wait  
Only just a teen with dreams to be on TV  
And living with a mom and my grandma who used to feed  
Me  
We would move around in the city place to place  
The landlord come for the rent face to face  
Her eyes too heavy from working nights as a janitor  
She'd keep it to herself and nobody could understand her  
Even when she thought that she couldn't she carried on  
She couldn't imagine both of her daughters here all alone  
Before the tuxedos and black and white every day  
Used to watch my momma get down on her knees and  
Pray  
She's the reason that I'm even writing this song  
Ghetto Woman no it won't be long. Now sing along

CHANT:

Let it use you  
Let it use you  
When the love is strong  
It won't let you be alone  
Let it use you  
Just let the spirit lead you

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