

## Willy Mason "Live It Up"

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The sun don't set in Gettysville  
The place that I call home,  
A thousand people walk these streets  
But we're still all alone,  
This city's isolation  
Like the drug that paves the roads.  
Take the subway uptown  
To my mother's place.  
She's got a thousand friends  
But all they know of her's, her face,  
All alone inside her head  
Her thoughts begin to race.

Live it up  
Live it up they say  
Live it up  
No time to waste your life away.

Next door to me the ceiling leaks  
Cracks stretch across the walls,  
Like skeletons of dreams deceased  
Too brittle to evolve,  
He lies beneath his plastic sheets  
Bitter and blind to all,  
Shadows beneath his sunken eyes  
Now taint all that he sees,  
Like burned and blackened photographs  
Life's easier a dream,  
He settles for a cheap escape  
Forgets all he believed.

Live it up  
Live it up they say  
Live it up  
Things haven't always been this way.

I watched my whole world crumble  
As I dried my mother's tears,  
And learned to never stumble  
As I calmed my father's fears,  
They say I've seen a lot  
They say I'm wise beyond my years,

Though my castle may have crumbled  
I won't face the world alone,  
The youth has seen the rubble  
And we're ready for the load,  
As this city burns  
My generation's shouting in the roads.

Live it up  
Live it up we say  
Live it up  
Things haven't always been this way

Live it up  
We better turn this boat around  
If we keep on following the gold  
Someday we are gonna run aground

Live it up  
Live it up we say  
Live it up  
Cause now it's in our hands to make change

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