

## Black Happy

### "Gangsta's Paradise"

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[Verse One]

As I walk through the valley of the shadow of death  
I take a look at my life and realize there's nuttin left  
Cause I've been blastin and laughin so long that  
Even my mama thinks that my mind is gone  
But I ain't never crossed a man that didn't deserve it  
Me be treated like a punk, you know that's unheard of  
You better watch how you talkin, and where you walkin  
Or you and your homies might be lined in chalk  
I really hate to trip, but I gotta loc  
As they croak I see myself in the pistol smoke, fool  
I'm the kinda G the little homies wanna be like  
On my knees in the night, sayin prayers in the street  
light

[Chorus: L.V.]

We've been spending most our lives  
Living in the Gangsta's Paradise  
(repeat)  
We keep spending most our lives  
Living in the Gangsta's Paraside  
(repeat)

[Verse Two]

Look at the situation, they got me facin  
I can't live a normal life, I was raised by the strict  
So I gotta be down with the hood team  
Too much television watchin got me chasin dreams  
I'm a educated fool with money on my mind  
Got my ten in my hand and a gleam in my eye  
I'm a loc'ed out gangsta, set-trippin banger  
And my homies is down, so don't arouse my anger,  
fool  
Death ain't nuthin but a heartbeat away  
I'm livin life do-or-die-a, what can I say?  
I'm twenty-three now, but will I live to see twenty-fo'?  
The way things is goin I don't know

[Interlude: L.V.]

Tell me why are we -- so blind to see  
That the ones we hurt -- are you and me

[Chorus]

[Verse Three]

Power and the money, money and the power  
Minute after minute, hour after hour  
Everybody's runnin, but half of them ain't lookin  
It's goin on in the kitchen, but I don't know what's  
cookin  
They say I got ta learn, but nobody's here to teach me  
If they cain't understand it, how can they reach me?  
I guess they cain't -- I guess they won't  
I guess they front; that's why I know my life is outta  
luck, fool

[Chorus]

[Outro: L.V.]

Tell me why are we -- so blind to see  
That the ones we hurt -- are you and me  
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{\*choir sings until the end\*}

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