

Curtis Mayfield

"Ghetto Child"

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Little child, runnin' wild
Watch a while
You see he never smiles

Broken home, father gone
Mama tired, so he's all alone
Kind of sad, kind of mad
Ghetto child, thinkin' he's been had

But I can just hear him
In the back of his mind sayin'
Didn't have to be here

You didn't have to love for me
While I was just a nothin' child
Why couldn't y'all just let me be
Let me be, let me be, let me be?

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Broken home, daddy gone
Mama tired and he's all alone
Kind of sad, oh baby, kind of mad
Ghetto child, thinkin' he's been had

And I can just hear him sayin'
I didn't have to be here
You didn't have to love for me

While I was just a nothin' child
Why couldn't they just let me be
Let me be, let me be, let me be?

Ain't got no money
I got to play in the alleys, ain't got no pride
Just took everything out of me, I got it sad

Got to make it alone
Got to get away from home
There's ain't no fun, my life I just run

Run on, run on, run on ghetto child
Run on ghetto child
Run on ghetto child
Run on ghetto child

You're runnin' wild
Watch a while
You see he never smiles
Father gone, alright

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