

Ice-T "The Hunted Child"

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Today in Los Angeles another youth loses his life
Gunshot wound to the head
Street violence is at an all-time high

No jokin', I'm sleepin' with my eyes open
Wanted for a homicide ride, the gun's still smokin'
Didn't know what I was doin' but did it anyway
Now the posse's on my trail, they say I'm gonna pay
(Run)

I had a gun, it's mine and I packed it
Out with my crew, the boys caught some static
Me and this sucker punk went at it
Bang, Nine automatic

Hunted child
I'm the hunted child

Sources say the assailant was 17-years old
And lives in South-Central Los Angeles

Now I'm on a hideout tip 'cos they're after me
LAPD says they're gonna capture me
Was I crazy? I guess I had to be
'Cos once you kill it's instant catastrophe

Your whole life is over
(Through)
Forget about your girl your
(Crew)
Nowhere to run, so what you gonna do?
Be glad it's me, homeboy and not you

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I'm only 17, I didn't mean to kill, man
But I was slangin' and bangin' for the thrill, man
When they said, I felt chill, man
(Kill)

But once I pulled the trigger, boy, then things got ill,
man
My homeboys dipped out the back fast
Left me alone in the echo of the gun blast
Everybody saw my face, I didn't wear a mask
You wanna know my name? Just ask

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The science of Capitalism which you teach
To the youth on the streets today
With the 'ends justifying the means' mentality ain't
happenin'

I'm sweatin' heavy 'cos my face is on TV
Everybody in this whole world's after me
Since I was young I never had a damned thing
At Christmas time I'd hate to hear the bells ring

'Cos in the ghetto, Santa ain't got a dime
Your mother's standin' in the welfare line
The way the youth survive is crime
My life is over so I might as well speak my mind

I killed a brother 'cos this system had me geared to kill
'Cos what I call home, you call hell
My ghetto quarters ain't no better than a jail cell
But there's a message in this story that I'm tryna tell

We're just brothers on the streets killin' brothers
This system has us geared to kill one another
Sellin' dope to poison each other
The plan of the man, word to the mother

But I'm a sucker cos I fell into their plan
187, I killed a brother, man
My life on Earth was hell, you understand?
But when I die I'm goin' to hell again

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