

## **Payable On Death "Youth Of The Nation"**

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Last day of the rest of my life,  
I wish I would of known cause I'd of kissed my mama  
goodbye.  
I didn't tell her that I loved her, how much I cared,  
I thanked my pops for all the talks and all the wisdom  
he shared.  
Unaware I just did what I always do,  
Everyday the same routine before I skate off to school.  
But who knew that this day wasn't like the rest,  
Instead of taking the test I took two to the chest.  
Call me blind but I didn't see it coming,  
Everybody was running but I couldn't hear nothing.  
Except gun blasts it happened so fast,  
I didn't really know this kid though I sit by him in class.  
Maybe this kid was reaching out for love,  
Or maybe for a moment he forgot who he was.  
Maybe this kid just wanted to be hugged,  
What ever it was I know it's because

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Little Suzy, she was only twelve,  
She was given the world, with every chance to excel.  
Hang with the boys and hear the stories they tell,  
She might act kind of proud but no respect for herself.  
She finds love in all the wrong places,  
The same situations just different faces.  
Changed up her pace since her daddy left her,  
Too bad he never told her she deserved much better.

Johnny boy always played the fool,  
He broke all the rules so you would think he was cool.  
He was never really one of the guys,  
No matter how hard he tried, often thought of suicide.  
It's kind of hard when you ain't got no friends  
He put his life to an end they might remember him then  
You cross the line and there's no turning back,  
Told the world how he felt with the sound of a gat.

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Who's to blame for the lives the tragedies claim,  
No matter what you say it don't take away the pain.  
That I feel inside I'm tired of all the lies,  
Don't nobody know why but it's the blind leading the blind.  
I guess that's the way that the story goes,  
Will it ever make sense? Somebody's got to know.  
There's got to be more to life than this,  
There's got to be more to everything I thought exists.

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