

## Philadelphia International All Stars "Let's Clean Up The Ghetto"

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You know, I was in  
New York City a few months ago  
And the garbage and the  
Trash men were on strike  
I'm talking about the  
Maintenance people for the city

What they were trying to do was  
They were trying to get  
A little more money  
You know, get a little raise in pay  
But at that particular time  
The city was broke  
They were about ready  
To declare default

I tell you, the garbage in some places  
Was stacked up two, three stories high  
At night, heh, boy, at night  
It wasn't even safe to  
Walk the streets, you see

Cause the rats  
The roaches and the water bugs  
I mean they were hustling, baby  
Trying to get something to eat, see

And let me tell you something  
It was stinking  
Boy, there was all kind  
Of disease in there

You know, but it only brought  
To mind the fact that you can  
No longer depend on the man downtown  
To take care of business like  
He's supposed to when he's supposed to

In order for us to get it  
Like it's supposed to be  
As far as cleanliness  
You know, and safety

We gotta get together  
And do it for ourselves  
That's the only way it's gonna be done  
And you know what I'm talking about  
Let me tell you what I mean

(Clean it up, clean it up)  
Well, y'all, get it  
(Clean it up, clean it up)  
You've gotta get it  
(Clean it up, clean it up)  
Get it, you know you get it  
(Clean it up, clean it up)

Ghetto, talking bout the ghetto  
Ghetto is our home  
That's where we live  
Where we live

Get your paint  
Get your hammer, your nails  
Get your brooms  
Your mop and your pails  
We gonna wash it, polish  
And make it all clean

Let's wash away all of the sin  
Time for a new life to begin  
In the ghetto

I said  
Clean it up, clean it up  
I said we gonna  
Clean it up, clean it up

Because the ghetto  
I said the ghetto  
Ghetto is our home  
(That's where we live  
Where we live)

Let's paint a sign  
Everybody can read  
Let's get rid of everything  
We don't need  
The pushers, the dealers  
The pocketbook snatchers  
And thieves, uh huh

Let's make the streets safe

For women to walk  
Let's get rid of all the vulgar talk  
We gotta do it  
In order for us to survive

I said we gotta  
(Clean it up, clean it up) do it  
We, we got to  
(Clean it up, clean it up)  
Yeah, hey

(Ghetto) sunny ghetto, oh  
(Ghetto, ghetto is our home)  
That's where we live from day to day  
(That's where we live  
Where we live) yeah

All of you brothers  
That live on the main line  
You lived in the ghetto  
Once upon a time  
We need everybody to lend a hand

Now you've helped everybody else  
Now's the time for you  
To help yourself  
We can't depend  
Depend on the people downtown  
Well, well, get it up, get it up

Clean it up, clean it up  
Well, well  
Clean it up, clean it up  
Hey, hey, hey, hey

(Ghetto) yeah  
Ghetto (ghetto) ghetto  
Ghetto is our home  
Yeah, that's where we live  
Where we live, well

I said downtown  
(Clean it up, clean it up)  
Get it up, get it up  
(Come on, y'all)  
(Let's clean it up, clean it up)

Get a broom, well  
(Come on, y'all)  
(Let's clean it up, clean it up)  
(Come on, y'all)

(Let's clean it up, clean it up)...

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