

## Stevie Wonder "Gangsta's Paradise"

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As I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I  
take a look at my life and realize there's nothin' 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'd  
better watch how you're talkin', and where you're  
walkin' Or you and your homies might be lined in chalk I  
really hate to trip but I gotta, know As they group 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 streetlight

Chorus:

Been spending most their lives, living in the gangsta's  
paradise

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Keep spending most our lives, living in the gangsta's  
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They got the situation, they got me facin' I can't live a  
normal life, I was raised by the state 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 10 in my hand and a gleam in my eye  
I'm a loc'd out gangsta set trippin' banga And my  
homies is down so don't arouse my anga, fool Death  
ain't nothin' but a heartbeat away, I'm livin' life, do or  
die, what can I say I'm 23 now, will I live to see 24 the  
way things is goin' I don't know Tell me why are we, so  
blind to see That the one's we hurt, are you and me  
Been spending most their lives, living in the gangsta's  
paradise Been spending most their lives, living in the  
gangsta's paradise

Keep spending most our lives, living in the gangsta's  
paradise Keep spending most our lives, living in the  
gangsta's paradise Power and the money, money and  
the power Minute after minute, hour after hour

Everybody's runnin', but half of them ain't lookin'  
What'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 can't understand it, how can they reach ME I guess  
they can't, I guess they won't  
I guess they front, that's why I know my life is out of  
luck, fool

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Keep spending most our lives, living in the gangsta's  
paradise  
Tell me why are we, so blind to see  
That the one's we hurt, are you and me  
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