

## Mcgruff "Who Holds His Own"

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### Verse 1:

I was born a poor black kid, Pops doin' a bid  
ran down tenement, barely no food in the fridge  
My Moms dukes had to raise my on her own  
all alone, never had a Father home  
I remember clear as day seein' my Mother pray  
hopin' I don't be like my Pops and go the other way  
but you get tired of your pockets bein' empty  
gear skimpy, yo the peer pressure tempt me  
at Thirteen had to get my by all means  
sellin' to fiends, Pops up State raisin' Hell in the Greens  
fuck that, I'm'a hustle, I can't see my Momma struggle  
in these Harlem streets drama loves you.

Chorus - Some niggas may have, some niggas may not  
have, but God bless  
the child who holds his own, who holds his own.

### Verse 2:

Never was a stray A student  
always played hookie, gettin' buddhad  
dropped out of High school, the streets raised me  
runnin' 'round holdin' heat crazy  
My Pops played me, left when I was a Baby  
perhaps he hate me, why the Mothafucka make me?  
why the Hell is life like this? Trife like this?  
sometimes I wanna slice my wrist  
found out I had a gift and thought twice 'bout shit  
now I'm changin', whole like re-arrangin'  
left the crack game'n for the rap game'n  
ain't exactly where I wanna be but I ain't complainin'  
maintainin', focus on my money and my fame'n  
entertainin', risin' to the top since I came in  
blazin', and I ain't goin' nowhere yo I'm remainin'

### Chorus

### Verse 3:

Man, I miss them niggas who got clapped for tryin' to  
get them figures  
everybody leavin'  
they say thugs go to Hell when we stop breathin', and I

believe 'em  
and I ain't tryin' to be there, I got mouths to feed  
love my seeds, look just like me  
dress like me, gotta be the best like me  
raise 'em up right so they won't be stressed like me  
gotta be there for them, not no Penetentiary  
think back, sippin' Remy, maybe Henessey  
nigga ballin' now, gotta say one love to Heavy-D

Chorus 2X

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