

## **The Temptations**

### **"Masterpiece"**

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Where I was born ev'rything was dull and dingy  
I lived in a place they called "The Inner City"  
Getting ahead was strictly a no no  
'Cause nobody cares what happens to the folks  
That live in the ghetto  
Thousands of lives wasting away  
People living from day to day  
It's a challenge just staying alive  
'Cause in the ghetto only the strong survive

Money I ain't got none, job can't find one  
The streets raised me from a baby, ooh  
Thousands of lives wasting away  
People living from day to day  
It's a challenge just staying alive  
'Cause in the ghetto only the strong survive

Broken down homes, kids strung out  
They don't even know what life's all about  
Stealin' cars, robbin' bars  
Mugging, drugs, rat infested  
And no one's interested

Kids dodging cars for recreation  
Only adds to a mother's frustration  
Break-ins, folks comin' home  
And finding all their possessions gone  
Oh it's an ev'ry day thing - well well - in the ghetto  
Oh it's an ev'ry day thing in the ghetto

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