

Rick James

"Ghetto Life"

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When I was a young boy
Growing up in the ghetto
Hanging out on corners
Singin' with the fellas

Lookin' for the cute chicks
Trying to find a bit of fun
Looking for some trouble
Or anyone who'll give me some

I was young and crazy
(In the ghetto)
Didn't know what my life would be
(In the ghetto)
I was dumb and, oh, so lazy
(In the ghetto)
Something had a spell on me
(In the ghetto)

You wanna know what I'm talkin' bout?
(Talkin' 'bout ghetto life)
Ghetto life
You wanna know what I'm singin' 'bout?
(Talkin' 'bout ghetto life)
Ghetto life

When I was a young man
Kind of free and fancy
Met this little cute girl
She said, her name was Nancy

She had pigtails to her shoulders
She couldn't have been much older
She taught me what I had to know
To make a girl not want to go

She was very kinky
(In the ghetto)
She laid her pigtails down on me
(In the ghetto)
And I was feeling, oh, so sneaky
(In the ghetto)

I had to see what love could be, yes now
(In the ghetto)

I knew it all along
That my game was strong
But I was wrong that time
I knew, I had to pray
And give myself away

Did you think I was man enough? Yeah
Did you think I was smart enough? Yeah
Did you think I was strong enough? Yeah
Did you think I'd work it out of the ghetto life?

Sing it to ya, hit it, baby, say, ghetto life
(Talkin' 'bout ghetto life)
You got to get on over, ghetto life
(Talkin' 'bout ghetto life)

When I was a young boy
Tenements, slums and corner bums
Playing tag with winos
The only way to have some fun

One thing 'bout the ghetto
You don't have to hurry
It'll be there tomorrow
So brother, don't you worry

Ghetto life
(Talkin' 'bout ghetto life)
Talking 'bout ghetto life
Ghetto life, baby
(Talkin' 'bout ghetto life)

Life, life
Ghetto life, la la, la la, life
(Talkin' 'bout ghetto life)

(Shoop shoop, shoop shoop)
(Shoop be doop in the ghetto)
People we got to get over
(Shoop shoop, shoop shoop)
(Shoop be doop in the ghetto)
Talkin' 'bout the life
(Shoop shoop, shoop shoop)
(Shoop be doop in the ghetto life)

Where's the place we funk?
(Ghetto Land that's the place where we funk)
(The place we like to funk)

(Ghetto Land that's the place where we funk)
(The place we like to funk)

Say, where the place we funk
(Ghetto Land that's the place where we funk)
(The place we like to funk)
(Ghetto Land that's the place where we funk)
Ho
(The place we like to funk)

Where's the place, we like to funk
(Ghetto Land that's the place where we funk)
(The place we like to funk)
Where's the place, we like to funk
(Ghetto Land that's the place where we funk)
(The place we like to funk)

Ghetto Land, that's the place
Where we funk from day to day
Ghetto Land, Ghetto Land

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