

# Sparkle

## "The Ghetto"

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[Intro]

Can I talk about the ghetto?  
That's where I'm from  
Listen up, whoa

Just ridin' through the neighborhood  
What I see don't look too good  
All my brothers hustlin'  
All my sisters strugglin'  
Just to make it through another day  
Just another day  
That's just the way it is  
(Just the way it is)  
When you're living

(Living in the ghetto)  
Trying to make it seems so hard  
(Living in the ghetto)  
Unemployment, don't even have no jobs  
(Living in the ghetto) Whoa  
(I grew up in the ghetto)  
In the ghetto, ghetto whoa

Still got so many memories (Memories)  
Growing up with my family (Oh family)  
Still westside 'till I die (Throw it up)  
And even though I'm living in a highrise  
It's not where you are but it's where you're from  
Daddy told me long ago  
That's why I'll never forget my days  
(Never forget my days, no)

(Living in the ghetto)  
People don't got no where to go  
(Living in the ghetto)  
Pimps and hustlers everybody knows  
(Living in the ghetto) Whoa  
(I grew up in the ghetto)  
In the ghetto, in the ghetto

Play on, play on  
My, my, my, my, my, my, my

Somebody tell me why  
It has to be this way  
Oh why?  
Don't give up, no, no  
Listen

This is for my queens  
Keep your hopes high  
Stay down on your knees  
Praying every night  
There'll be days like these  
Mama used to say  
Ain't no need to worry  
He's gonna make a way

And this is for my kings  
Don't forget respect  
Gotta keep moving on  
Cause it ain't over yet  
Keep your head about it  
Keep your head about it  
'Bout it, 'bout it, 'bout it

While you're living  
(Living in the ghetto)  
See I'll never forget where I'm from, no, no  
(Living in the ghetto)  
And how far I've come, see I've come too far  
(Living in the ghetto)  
In the ghetto, who  
(I grew up in the ghetto)  
In the ghetto, the ghetto

(Living in the ghetto)  
So many kids out in the streets  
(Living in the ghetto)  
2 o'clock in the morning when they need to be at home  
asleep  
(Living in the ghetto)  
In the ghetto, in the ghetto

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