

Gangstas Paradise

James Morrison

This is a cover by James Morrison of the song Gangsta s Paradise performed by Coolio (inspired by Stevie Wonder s song Pastime Paradise).

You can find the performance of this cover here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NoavvAjTfbw>

Tuning: Standard

Chords:

A 4 6 6 5 4 4

F#m 1 3 3 1 1 1

G# 3 5 5 4 3 3 (Morrison plays 3 2 0 0 0 1 but I prefer the bar chord)

C#m 3 3 5 5 4 3

The chords are repeated non-stop throughout the entire song in the same rhythm:

A | **F#m** | **G#** | **C#m**

The hard part is timing the rap, the guitar part is a piece of cake.

(Ooooh, ooooh, oooh, ooooh)

A	F#m
As I walk through the valley of the shadow of death	
G#	C#m
I take a look at my life and realize there s not much left	
A	F#m
Cause I ve been blastin and laughin so long that	
G#	C#m
Even my ma ma 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 better watch how you talkin, and where you walkin
Or you and your homies might be lined in chalk
I really hate to trip, but I gotta loc -
As they grew 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 street light

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They got the situation, they got me facin
I can t live a normal life, I was raised by the strip
So I gotta be down with the hood team
Too much television watchin got me chasin dreams
I m an educated fool with money on my mind
Got my ten in my hand and a gleam in my eye
I m a loc ed out gangsta, set-trippin banger
And my homies is down, so don t arouse my anger, fool
Death ain t nuthin but a heart beat away
I m livin life do-or-die-a, what can I say?
I m twenty-three now, but will I live to see twenty-fow ?
The way things are goin I don t know

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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 dont know what s cookin
They say I got ta learn, but nobody s here to teach me,
If they cant 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 outta luck, fool!

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