

Subcity

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Notes: Capo on 2.

[Intro] **G Am C** (Twice)

[Verse 1]

G **Am**
People say it doesn't exist
C
Cause no one would like to admit
G
That there is a city underground
Am
Where people live everyday
C
Off the waste and decay
G
Off the discards of their fellow man

[Chorus]

G **Am C**
Here in subcity life is hard
G **Am** **D**
We can't receive any government relief
G **Am** **C**
I'd like to please give Mr. President my honest regards
D **G**
For disregarding me

[Verse 2]

They say there's too much crime in these city streets
My sentiments exactly
Government and big business hold the purse strings
When I worked I worked in the factories
I'm at the mercy of the world
I guess I'm lucky to be alive

[Chorus]

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[Bridge]

Am

They say we've fallen through the cracks

G

They say the system works

But we won't let it

C

Help

I guess they never stop to think

G

We might not just want handouts

Am

But a way to make an honest living

G

Living this ain't living

[Chorus]

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[Verse 3]

What did I do deserve this

Had my trust in god

Worked everyday of my life

Thought I had some guarantees

That's what I thought

At least that's what I thought

[Chorus]

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[Verse 4]

Last night I had another restless sleep

Wondering what tomorrow might bring

Last night I dreamed

A cold blue light was shining down on me

I screamed myself awake

Thought I must be dying

Thought I must be dying

[Chorus]

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