In the Ghetto

Mac Davis 1969 (recorded by Elvis Presley)











Verse 1:

As the [F] snow flies
On a [Am] cold and grey Chicago mornin'
A [Bb] poor little baby [C] child is born
In the [F] ghetto

Verse 2:

And his [F] mama cries 'cause if [Am] there's one thing that she don't need It's [Bb] another hungry [C] mouth to feed In the [F] ghetto

Chorus:

People don't you [C] understand
The child needs a [Bb] helping [F] hand
Or he'll [Bb] grow to be an [C] angry young man some [F] day
Take a look at [C] you and me,
Are we too [Bb] blind to [F] see
[Bb] Do we simply [Am] turn our heads and [Gm] look the other way [C]

Verse 3:

Well the [F] world turns
And a [Am] hungry little boy with a runny nose
[Bb] Plays in the street as the [C] cold wind blows
In the [F] ghetto

Verse 4:

And his [F] hunger burns so he [Am] starts to roam the streets at night And he [Bb] learns how to steal, and he [C] learns how to fight In the [F] ghetto

Bridge:

[C] Then one night in desperation
A [Bb] young man breaks a [F] way
He [Bb] buys a gun, and he [Am] steals a car,
[Gm] Tries to run, but he [C] don't get far

Verse 5

And his **[F]** mama cries
As a **[Am]** crowd gathers 'round an angry young man
Face **[Bb]** down on the street with a **[C]** gun in his hand
In the **[F]** ghetto

Verse 6:

As her [F] young man dies,
On a [Am] cold and grey Chicago mornin'
A [Bb] nother little baby [C] child is born
In the [F] ghetto
And his [F] mama cries...