

In the ghetto (lyrics by Mac Davis)

(performed by Elvis Presley)

As the snow flies
On a cold and gray Chicago mornin'
A poor little baby child is born
In the ghetto
And his mama cries*
because if there's one thing that she don't need*
it's another hungry mouth to feed*
In the ghetto
(In the ghetto)

People, don't you understand
this child needs a helping hand
or he'll grow to be an angry* young man some day
now take a look at you and me,
are we too blind* to see,
or do we simply turn our heads
and look the other way*

Well the world turns
and a hungry little boy with a runny nose*
plays in the street as the cold wind blows*
In the ghetto
(In the ghetto)

And his hunger burns*
so he starts to roam the streets* at night
and he learns how to steal*
and he learns how to fight
In the ghetto
(In the ghetto)

Then one night in desperation*
the young man breaks away*
He buys a gun, steals a car,
tries to run*, but he don't get far
And his mama cries

As a crowd gathers 'round* an angry young man
face down on the street with a gun in his hand
In the ghetto
(In the ghetto)

And as her young man dies, (In the ghetto)
on a cold and gray Chicago mornin',
another little baby child is born
In the ghetto
(In the ghetto)

And his mama cries
In the Ghetto

cry: *pleurer*
need : *avoir besoin de*
another hungry mouth to feed: *une autre bouche affamée à nourrir*

grow : *grandir*
angry: *en colère*

blind: *aveugle*

the other way: *d'un autre côté, (ici) ailleurs*

runny nose: *nez qui coule*
blow : *souffler*

his hunger burns : *sa faim lui brûle le ventre*
roam the streets : *courir les rues*
steal : *voler*

in desperation: *ne sachant plus quoi faire, en désespoir de cause*
break away : *déborder, rompre ses amarres, partir à la dérive*
run : *(ici) s'enfuir*

the crowd gathers 'round : *la foule se rassemble autour de*

