

# Gangster's Paradise

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Key: A flat

Tempo: 80 BPM

Chords needed: Ab, Fm, G, Cm

Video Tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kaMd4mL6jyU>

### Strum Pattern/Chord Progression

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |  
Ab Fm | G Cm |  
D D DUD D DU | D D DUD D DU |

[Verse 1]

**Ab**

**Fm**

As I walk through the valley of the shadow of death

**G**

I take a look at my life

**Cm**

And realize there's nothing left.

**Ab**

**Fm**

'Cause I've been blasting and laughing so long

**G**

**Cm**

That even my momma thinks that my mind has gone.

**Ab**

**Fm**

But I ain't never crossed a man that didn't deserve it.

**G**

**Cm**

Me be treated like a punk, you know that's unheard of.

**Ab**

**Fm**

You betta watch how ya talking, and where ya walking

**G**

**Cm**

Or you and your homies might be lined in chalk.

**Ab**

**Fm**

I really hate to trip but I gotta lob,

**G** **Cm**  
As they croak, I see myself in the pistol smoke.

**Ab** **Fm**  
Fool, I'm the kinda g that little homie's wanna be like,

**G** **Cm**  
On my knees in the night, saying prayers in the street light.

[Chorus]

**G#** **Fm**  
We've been spending most our lives

**G** **Cm**  
Living in a gangsta's paradise. (x2)

**G#** **Fm**  
We keep spending most our lives

**G** **Cm**  
Living in a gangsta's paradise. (x2)

[Verse 2]

**Ab** **Fm**  
Look at the situation, they got me facing,  
**G** **Cm**  
I can't live a normal life, I was raised by the state.

**Ab** **Fm**  
So I gotta be down with the 'hood team,  
**G** **Cm**  
Too much television watching, got me chasing dreams.

**Ab** **Fm**  
I'm an educated fool with money on my mind  
**G** **Cm**  
Got my ten in my hand and a gleam in my eye.

**Ab** **Fm**  
I'm a locked out gangsta, set tripping banger  
**G** **Cm**  
And my homies are down so don't arouse my anger.

**Ab** **Fm**  
Fool, death ain't nothing but a heart beat away,  
**G** **Cm**  
I'm living life do or die, what can I say?

**Ab** **Fm**  
I'm twenty-three now, will I ever live to see twenty-four,  
**G** **Cm**  
The way things is going I don't know.

[Bridge]

**Ab** **Fm**  
Tell me why are we  
**G** **Cm**  
So blind to see.  
**Ab** **Fm**  
That the ones we hurt  
**G** **Cm**  
Are you and me?

[Chorus]

[Verse 3]

**Ab** **Fm**  
Power in the money, money in the power,  
**G** **Cm**  
Minute after minute, hour after hour,  
**Ab** **Fm**  
Everybody's running, but half of them ain't looking  
**G**  
It's going on in the kitchen  
**Cm**  
But I don't know what's cooking.  
**Ab**  
They say I gotta learn  
**Fm**  
But nobody's here to teach me.  
**G** **Cm**  
If they can't understand it, how can they reach me?  
**Ab**  
I guess they can't,  
**Fm**  
I guess they won't,  
**G**  
I guess they front,  
**Cm**  
That's why I know my life is out of luck, foo!

[Chorus]

[Outro - Same as Bridge, finish on Ab]