

MIAMI IS ME

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They turned away and called me ugly and small
They left me alone and didn't care at all
Now I showed up in a dubbed-out car
All a sudden they think I can take them far

Words can hurt, I learned too well
No one could see how their silence can dwell
To my parents my future was not a factor
All a sudden they became the best actors

As I crescendo through life playing lyncnly
Everyone would stay, no one would flee
Hearing me more Yes now rather than No's
Always kept me on my toes

Miami Gardens is like a carnival of color
Where both entertainment and chaos meet on 199th Street
The homeless are hungry for change
But people are waiting to see
The next best thing that came to 199th Street

As gentrified hopes rise like balloons
The city drifts as we slowly turn suburban
As we reminisce the past
The people beat for something new
But Miami Gardens is a place that still wears its shoes

They ask, what makes up MG
It's the people
The music blast from Hard Rock stadium
But the heart beats louder than ever
While we still grieve sunlight stadium
The gentrified hopes rise in MG

The guns in almost any crib you see
They keep it on them like tasers
No one walks without them
You aren't safe in these streets
So, in the end it might just be you and me

What is the true MG
Is it the guns in the streets
The music blasting from ear to ear
The stadium games every Sunday
Or is our silence that is brought when ever
we see a brother on the street

Poverty and homelessness clings to Miami like a baby
It isn't getting any better
We see boujie house and living lavish on section 8
But why does the city look so dirty

When people think of Miami they think of downtown
Where the system caters to others
Where people are surprised when they see a brother or sister living nice
But not the real Miami
The heart of MG
People are always in a hurry to flee out of this town

So, you see you and me
We are the same
Living in a town where they wash our history away
Gentrification bleeding down the streets
But you and me
Know the real heart belongs in MG