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Growin' up in broken homes, you find yourself at ten years old

Runnin' drag and startin' fights

But minors hide behind their rights

Start slow with beer and pot

But soon you're bored with what you've got

Try some dope at first for kicks

You'd promised that you'd never fix

Fade away from the path you choose

You stuck your arm

Started to lose

Surround yourself with pain and strife

A downward spiral is your life

Some years later your life's a shell

Still locked inside this living hell

Only to cope you leave your house

Now meet the cops your luck's run out

You got no love end up in jail

A few more beefs a five year tail

Prison term before too long

Your number's up and now you are gone (and thrown away the key) Jails, institutions and death (think I'm f**king kidding?)

Now it feels just like a dream

But it's not what it seems

Gotta block out the screams

I'm too tired to defend bring my life to an end

This I can't comprehend, but it's coming

Now the needle's in my neck

I know that mine is not the only life I've wrecked

Now that I know the battle can't be won

Selfishness weighs a ton, lookin' out for #1

As if my life was so pretty

Now things look shifty

And there's no one to save me from

F**kin' pain

It burns hot from the inside out

Now there ain't no doubt

How this bout started out

Now they've finally brought me down

Sympathy can't be found, locking doors the only sound

I've screwed over all who care

Now it's only fair they've stripped my soul bare

I can't take it

Now it starts to come on strong

The long arm of the law coming down on my head

It's been so long since I have felt the sun beating down from above

Without the bars on my cage reminding me

That I got screwed up and I've got no love

From a truck what the f**k

I'll keep truckin' down

I'm locked in this cell

Kickin' it in hell

Ain't no joke the straight dope started out (locking doors the only sound) Jails, institutions and death (think you can take your pick?)

Kickin' dope in a jail cell

You wanna die it feels like hell

Muscles ache you cannot sleep

Stomache ache you cannot eat

Do your time and make parole

Now you're free Out of this hole Think you'd learn and start to cope But from the gate you score some dope

Nothing changes You start to regress You're all strung out Life is a mess Once again