## Killah Priest, Happy

[Intro: Killah Priest (Starry James)] Happy (Yeah, yeah-yeah-yeah) Happy, time to be Happy

[Killah Priest]

A homeless man smiles at me showing no teeth A young man laying dead in the cold streets He was a victim beaten bad by the police And everyday another funeral there's more grief And everyday I like to pray when I see the Sun And if there ever was a Lost Tribe we the one And every hood there's a project with us in it The old man in the dust going nuts finished Years before they use to say " You use to own business Caught them on tax, I quess you're black, you gotta know you limit" And everybody tried to be Happy someway I think of dinners in the winter on a Sunday And everybody's poor but we always pull through it 'Cause of Marvin's influence, we always played his music My Pops said he was a Trouble Man courtesy of Uncle Sam Then I hit the streets then start hustling But I could see my Grandma when she dressed for Church Her stylish hat, white dress with the matching purse And I could hear her sing aloud with the choir marching in With the face of joy, proud 'cause her heart's with him And she could live everlasting and pure peace No longer worried eyes, speaks to him before sleep And I stood by the door when she came at me She said, " You gotta endure and learn to be Happy"

[Chorus 2X: Starry James] Stood right beside me, look deep inside me She has inspired me to be Happy

## [Killah Priest]

My friend wrote his mother: Mama I'm doing better now My last year of College, told you I wouldn't let you down And how's things around the house? I know you're still fussing I finally heard from Ralphie said " He had a deal coming " He wrote me last week; told me him and Dad don't speak They both be acting theyre kids if you ask me But anyway, how come you never wrote me back? This is like my fourth letter to you, I was hoping that... You could send me something it's getting cold winter's coming I know you're standing, laughing, saying, " I'm up or into something" I love you mom sincerely yours, as the nurse pause From reading her his letter, body attached to a cord Into a breathing pump, the stroke she had was too much She's in the coma, been that way for a few months And if her son knew believe he'll split in two And go back to using drug before quitting school But just smile 'cause your mothers still here Try to live and be proud, make a heart full of cheer For your mama, tranquility, she's free Give your heart space and liberty and then peace The words are golden, emotion, devotion Just hush, feel the touch for a moment My life's a paradox, watched by crooked cops But the law carries me just to be Happy

[Chorus 2X]

[Outro: Killah Priest]

Dedicated to my grandmother, Miss Louise Staley

I love you Grandma!