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Despite Hard Times

I come from the ghetto. I come from how do I put it . . . Struggles. Hard work, loyalty,

money. I was
Never a child. I was
Never dumb. I was
Always in trouble,
Always gone.

I stayed in school:
Education is important.
I come from I BI.

Making the wrong decisions:

Mama On the run, Daddy In jail. I had No choice.

Gone for 6 months to a Place that I hate So I stole just to Be happy & Keep Iil' bro home safe.

But if I could do it again I would change nothing at all, b/c through my downfalls I overcome it all.

It's messed up, I know. But if I keep my head up and just stay strong, I'll make it through this world independent and strong.

ima always take care of mine despite hard times.

— D.F.