

# P.O.D., Youth Of The Nation

Last day of the rest of my life  
I wish I would've known  
Cause I didn't kiss my mama goodbye

I didn't tell her that I loved her and how much I care  
Or thank my pops for all the talks  
And all the wisdom he shared

Unaware, I just did what I always do  
Everyday, the same routine  
Before I skate off to school

But who knew that this day wasn't like the rest  
Instead of taking a test  
I took two to the chest

Call me blind, but I didn't see it coming  
Everybody was running  
But I couldn't hear nothing

Except gun blasts, it happened so fast  
I don't really know this kid  
Even though I sit by him in class

Maybe this kid was reaching out for love  
Or maybe for a moment  
He forgot who he was  
Or maybe this kid just wanted to be hugged  
Whatever it was  
I know it's because

[chorus:]  
We are, We are, the youth of the nation

Little Suzy, she was only twelve  
She was given the world  
With every chance to excel

Hang with the boys and hear the stories they tell  
She might act kind of proud  
But no respect for herself

She finds love in all the wrong places  
The same situations  
Just different faces

Changed up her pace since her daddy left her  
Too bad he never told her  
She deserved much better

Johnny boy always played the fool  
He broke all the rules  
So you would think he was cool

He was never really one of the guys  
No matter how hard he tried  
Often thought of suicide

It's kind of hard when you ain't got no friends  
He put his life to an end  
They might remember him then

You cross the line and there's no turning back  
Told the world how he felt

With the sound of a gat

[chorus]

Who's to blame for the lives that tragedies claim  
No matter what you say  
It don't take away the pain

That I feel inside, I'm tired of all the lies  
Don't nobody know why  
It's the blind leading the blind

I guess that's the way the story goes  
Will it ever make sense  
Somebody's got to know

There's got to be more to life than this  
There's got to be more to everything  
I thought exists

[chorus]