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## Under the Influence...

Under the influence of violence,  
This is not a matter to put to silence.  
We try and cover it up,  
But it seems to be an overflowing cup.  
This is affecting our youth today  
From the songs we sing to bills that are pay.

Children are dying before the reach over club 27,  
And we cannot promise they will go to heaven.  
Drugs, drive by, guns, and fights  
Happens constantly day and night.  
These aren't things that youth today should be exposed to.  
Kids are being shot over their shoe.

Famous figures should be good examples, for kids to  
Look up to.  
But, no they are telling them it's ok to do what they do.

Listen up people of this generation,  
You should be good examples for the good of our nation.

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Youth after youth this matter is getting worse,  
It's starting to seem like a generational curse.  
We talk, we lecture, and we try and get through  
But the rapping and singing seems to control what they do.

Under the influence of parents before, to discipline, care, and  
Love is what they are here for  
But, no there is so much hatred for one another,  
That you might end up with only a father or mother  
But, then there is both who might not do their share,  
And give up their kids to foster care.

This hurts the kids more then it seems,  
It turns off the lights on their ultimate dreams.  
Then bad decisions might be made,  
And the light that should shine begins to fade.

We have teenagers now going to jail,  
Instead of in school where there is no option to fail.  
We have less and less people going to college  
And more teen death as an overall knowledge.  
We need to change things and not let them change us.  
So the world will be less of a fuss.

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We need to be under the influence of love and joy.  
Instead of having so many teens dead and destroyed.  
This is not a matter we should put off for later.  
But, help our youth now and don't be a traitor.

This is getting my generation off track.  
So let's make a movement or even a packed.  
All kids should be allowed to go out and play,  
Without being afraid it will be their last day.

We can make a change if we put God first.  
Before the youth gets even more cursed.  
This is affecting both you and me too, so let's work  
Together and see what to do.