

## Self Destruction

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Let me tell you this story about this young man I  
know  
raised in a neighborhood where nobody felt like  
they could really grow  
I tried to tell him man  
The sky's the limit and only god knows  
But you see, he couldn't find it within himself to  
believe  
So it became a self-fulfilling prophecy  
He told me he couldn't believe in better  
Because there was a large probability  
that he would end up dead or in prison...  
probably...  
at least that's what he had seen within his family  
and community  
and that's what is indicated statistically  
So he just went on with life not carrying about  
his future and history  
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despite the circumstances, you just had to do  
something  
I told him if a man doesn't stand for something  
he will fall for nothing  
and against all odds you have to endure  
keep your faith and pride my brother  
you will make it I am sure  
but if you don't

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I told him life is like a science  
Sometime waiting for the next experiment to  
experience  
But then he started telling me  
About the lack of role models in his community  
and all his life his father was absent  
I said 'oh'  
what a coincidence  
But I told him life goes on  
I hope I made a little sense  
I also told him it hurt me to see  
Such a young man live life carelessly  
with so much pain  
I thought it was a shame  
That the Intelligent yet confused young man  
suffered  
From a recycled generation of permanent stains  
But I had to break it down to him  
simple and plain

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Now I am searching for the right words to soften  
his hard heart  
Wondering why all his life  
This young man's fate was slowly falling apart  
question whether these word would really help  
and give him the ambition  
to continue with life's mission  
but all I could say was  
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