

# Washington D.C.

## Gil Scott-Heron

Symbols of democracy, pinned up against the coast  
Outhouse of bureaucracy, surrounded by a moat  
Citizens of poverty are barely out of sight  
Overlords escape in the evening with people of the night  
Morning brings the tourists, peering eyes and rubber necks  
To catch a glimpse of the cowboy making the world a nervous wreck  
It's a mass of irony for all the world to see  
It's the nation's capital, it's Washington D.C. It's the nation's capital  
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(mmmm-hmmm)  
May not have the glitter or the glamour of L.A.  
May not have the history or the intrigue of Pompeii  
But when it comes to making music, and sure enough making news  
People who just don't make sense and people making do  
Seems a ball of contradictions, pulling different ways  
Between the folks who come and go, and one's who've got to stay  
It's a mass of irony for all the world to see  
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It's the nation's capital  
It's the nation's capital, it's Washington D.C. Seems to me, it's still in light time people knifed up  
on 14th street  
Makes me feel it's always the right time for them people showing up and coming clean  
Did make the one seem kind of numb It's the nation's capital  
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Morning come and bring the tourists, craning rubber necks  
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It's the nation's capital  
Got you feeling capital  
Punishment is capital in Washington D.C.

