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Audio Production

MIDI Composition

No Ghetto For Young Men

Hip Hop/Instrumental

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Composer/Mixing Engineer

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I made this song a while back messing around on the computer. I've gone through numerous changes with this particular project to ensure that a positive message was spoken through only music. As I was moving instruments & sequences around, this song turned into something more. I feel as if I finally have it good enough to show the world.

The name is a double entendre. First, it is a representation of where I'm from, as well as others like me. It's a way of motivating young men like me to do something better with their lives & make it out of the ghetto. As much as someone can love the ghetto, it will not love you back. Second, "No Country For Old Men" is one of my favorite movies. It always has been. It's just a play on words.

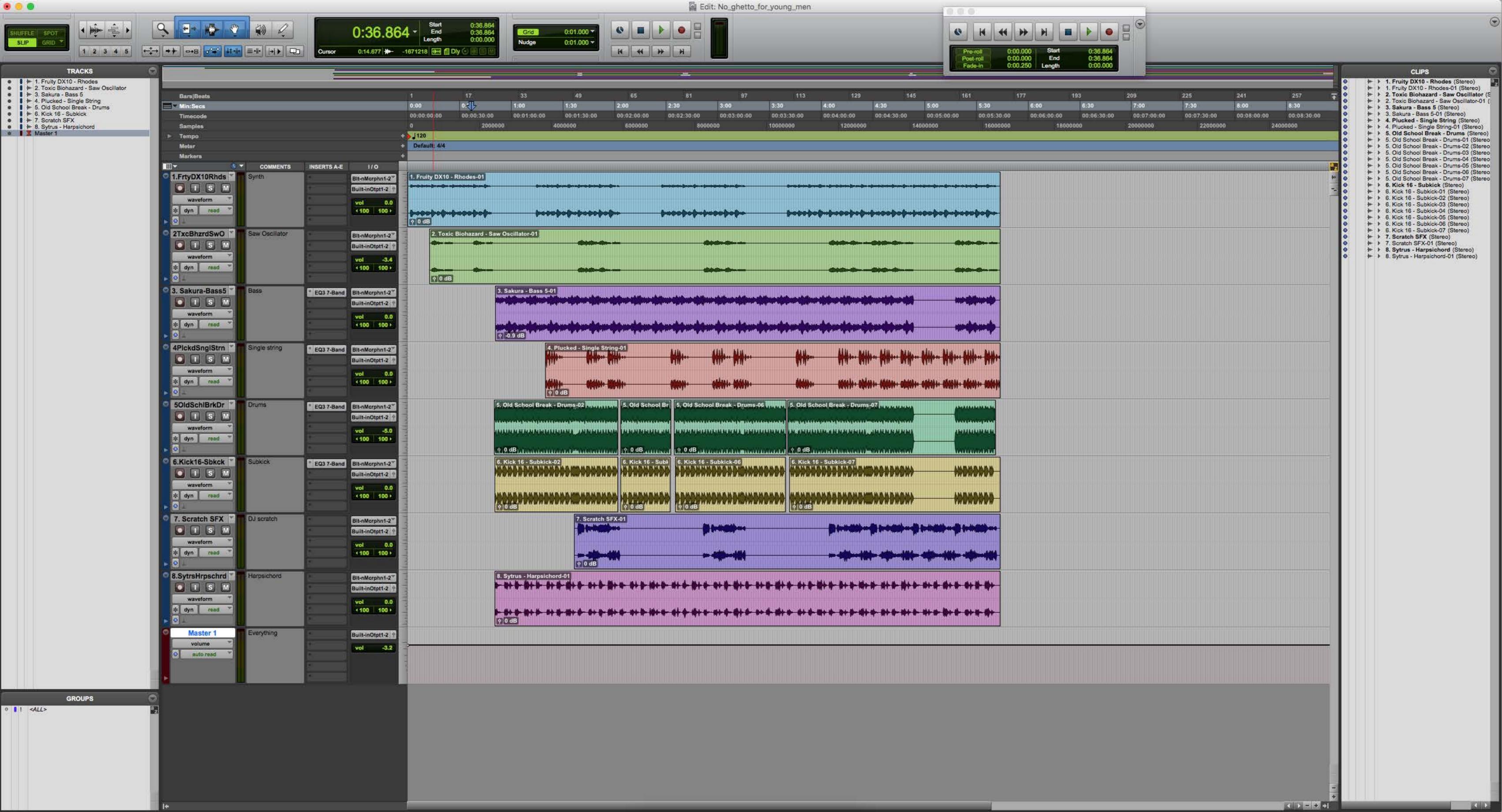
I first laid the groundwork for this composition after hearing about the death of Philandro Castle. It made me think about these circumstances behind his murder and realized that it could have easily have happened to me. It reminded of the surroundings that I walk through every day to get to school. It's a depressing and gritty atmosphere filled with drug users and homeless people. I consider it a blessing to come to school and use it as my escape from such a hopeless area.

I wanted the music to reflect how it feels to be there. When I create, my desire is to take the listener on a tour of my experiences, thoughts and emotions, in hopes that someone that may be listening feels inspired to create as well. For this reason, there are no lyrics to this composition. However, it follows the traditional songwriters form of A-B-A-B. I wanted to create a gritty, harsh environment through

music alone. The sound of the harpsichord gives it a wartime feel. It also enhances the saw oscillator in the chorus. The smooth Rhodes-sounding instrument that plays in the beginning symbolizes youth & innocence. The saw oscillator is played behind it in the beginning to symbolize impending trouble threatening to strip away the innocence. The plucked single string represents flash of beauty in the ghetto, a rose that grew from concrete, if you will. In the end, it all comes together to become a story without words.

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