

The West Side Crips

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Based on an Annie Liebowitz photo of three
girl members of the West Side Crips, San
Antonia, Tx.

Bearing the load

Of cultural burdens

With no

Alternatives known

Society will pay

A heavy cost

For these

Once beautiful lives lost

One

Stares in resignation

One

Stares in contempt

One

Stares in hatred

Young

With so much life to live

Yet

Look worn and hardened

By the life

Lived

Each

With potential

Each

Born with hopes and happiness

Each now

With innocents lost.