



GHETTO BROTHERS Power-Fuerza

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DESCRIPTION

The Bronx in the 1970s, marked by the presence of notorious gangs, presented a complex and challenging urban landscape. Amidst the crumbling infrastructure and economic decline, neighborhoods bore the scars of disinvestment, reflected in abandoned buildings and neglected public spaces. The prevalence of street gangs, such as the **Ghetto Brothers**, contributed to an atmosphere of heightened tension and occasional violence. Graffiti adorned subway cars and buildings, expressing both social unrest and the vibrant creativity of the community. Despite the challenges, there was a resilient spirit among residents, evidenced by grassroots efforts to address social issues. The Bronx during this era was a dynamic yet tumultuous mix of cultural expression, social struggle, and the determined spirit of a community facing adversity. The Ghetto Brothers, originating from the **Melendez** family who moved from Puerto Rico to the South Bronx in the 1950s, faced challenges involving violence and crime. Despite this, **Benji**, a key figure, directed the group towards community improvement. The Ghetto Brothers embraced music, crafting a potent, NYC-flavored musical fusion that caught the attention of record mogul **Ismael Maisonave** (Salsa Records). Their collaboration resulted in the recording of eight tracks in a single electrifying day at Manhattan's Fine Tone Studios, skillfully produced by Latin studio maestro **Bobby Marin (Harvey Averde, La Lupe, Brooklyn Sounds)**. This musical odyssey showcases the band's ability to seamlessly blend genres, creating a NYC-flavored stew that captivates listeners with its authenticity. The hypnotic rhythms, infectious guitar riffs, and impassioned vocals reflect the Ghetto Brothers' commitment to expressing their unique experiences and uplifting their community through the universal language of music. *Power-Fuerza* is not just an album; it's a sonic testament to the Ghetto Brothers' fusion of resilience, cultural richness, and musical innovation. Each track is a vibrant tapestry, weaving together the raw energy of the South Bronx streets and the soulful melodies born from the trio's Puerto Rican heritage. Embrace the timeless resonance of the Ghetto Brothers' *Power-Fuerza*, one of the best Latin funk albums ever recorded.

TRACKLISTING

- A1. Girl From The Mountain
- A2. There Is Something In My Heart
- A3. Got This Happy Feeling
- A4. Mastica Chupa Y Jala
- B1. You Say You Are My Friend
- B2. Viva Puerto Rico Libre
- B3. I Saw A Tear
- B4. Ghetto Brothers Power

HIGHLIGHTS

- *Power-Fuerza* is eight tracks recorded by the **Ghetto Brothers** at Manhattan's Fine Tone Studios.
- Originally produced by Latin studio maestro **Bobby Marin (Harvey Averde, La Lupe, Brooklyn Sounds)**.
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