

**GANGSTERS by The Specials**

[Intro]

(Bernie Rhodes knows; don't argue!)

**A**

e|-----|  
B|-----|  
G|-----|  
D|-----|  
A|-----|  
E|--5-3-0-3--5-5--5-3-3--0--3--| (x2)

[Verse 1]

**Am G Am**

Why must you record my phone calls?

**G Am**

Are you planning a bootleg LP?

**Am G Am**

You Said you've been threatened by gangsters

**D C E7**

Now it's you that's threatening me.

[Verse 2]

**Am G Am**

Can't fight corruption with con tricks,

**G Am**

They use the law to commit crime.

**G Am**

And I dread, dread to think, what the future will bring,

**C G E7**

When we're living in gangster time.

(Don't call me Scarface)

[Bridge]

**A**

e|-----|  
B|-----|  
G|-----|  
D|-----|  
A|-----|  
E|--5-3-0-3--5-5--5-3-3--0--3--| (x2)

[Solo]

(Guitar plays):

**Am G Am (x3), D C E7 (Same as V1)**

e|-----|  
B|--5-----5-6-5-----|  
G|-----8--5--8-----8-5-4-2-0--|  
D|-----|  
A|-----|  
E|-----| (x3)

e|--5--5-5-5--5--5-8--8-8--8--8--|

B|-----|

G|-----|

D|-----|

A|-----|

E|-----|

e|--12-12-12-12-12-12-12-12-12-12-12--|

B|-----|

G|-----|

D|-----|

A|-----|

E|-----|

[Verse 3]

**Am G Am**

Don't interrupt while I'm talking,

**G Am**

Or they'll confiscate all your guitars,

**G Am**

A catch 22 says, if I sing the truth

**c G E7**

They won't make me an overnight star.

[Verse 4]

**Am G Am**

Don't offer us legal protection,

**G Am**

They use the law to commit crime.

**G Am**

And I dread, to think, what the future will bring,

**C G E7**

When we're living in real gangster time.

[Outro same as Intro]