My city has a lot of faces
Some can tell you what a 1. __________ of __________ is
Before we hated people we were all created equal
Then we learnt to despise the strife
And forgot that variety’s the 2. __________ of life.
Look around you-
Constantly standing on the brink of History
Watching newsreaders linking mystery
Even though a few reporters taught us to be cautious
‘Cos they stink of this 3. __________ called inconsistency

See my city has a lot of faces
Four of them belonging to Big Ben
The rest of them 4. __________ behind big business and Big Brother
Ensures all of them are monitored with them
Under social tensions you can see London 5. __________ minorities, 300 languages
Differences – race and class, it’s all enormous
But the common ground we found surpasses all the borders.
If you meet a rich man, arse-kiss all his daughters-
Or his sons. We all live once
And who 6. __________ us wouldn’t want all of his funds?
That’s rhetorical but I don’t need Call and Response
To know that’s how Londoners are from time to time-
Only got the time to grind and 7. __________

Technically I’m from an elegant city
But I’m not the kind to wine and dine
I 8. __________ up around lots of crime, the violent kind
You might have heard about the rocks, the grime,
The hype and shine- It’s not just Cockney rhyming
Slang, we’ve got block-beef, violent gangs.
9. __________ interactions which most don’t force
Children navigating through postcode wars
In 10. __________ with the least funding.

Look at the state of East London, that’s a paradox-
Witness the economy 11. __________ for the have-a-lots.
Business is gonna be booming
But there’s a difference between having a front-row seat and watching from the sidelines.
TFL knows the world is your Oyster
As long as you can 12. __________ it,
Even though you might need to re-mortgage
To get from Aldwyich to Shoreditch
Inconvenient if you’re poor, which could be
Expected in a tax system where the more rich get
More rich; 273 times the wealth of the poorest
Yet your door is next door to the extra poor.
We look on the bright side but we’re 13. __________ for sure
Like all we have to ourselves is sex and war
And a lot of diversity, so what could I personally hate a complexion for? I see different coloured hands
14. __________ for more.
Feel free to come to London and still see the London Dungeon.
Experience a Tube of mad claustrophobics
Where food and bad posture don’t mix,
And join us in moving along to the groove of the song
What a sight to see, we could 15. __________ a nicety.

a) The words in bold are Slang or Cultural references. Can you guess what they mean?
b) In your own words, what is George the Poet saying?
c) Think of ten adjectives to describe George the Poet's London: five positive and five negative.