

# Running on Ice

Billy Joel

There's a lot of tension in this town  
I know it's building up inside of me  
I've got all the symptoms and the side effects  
Of city life anxiety

I could never understand why the urban attitude  
Is so superior  
In a world of high rise ambition  
Most people's motives are ulterior

Sometimes I feel as though I'm running on ice  
Paying the price too long  
Kind of get the feeling that I'm running on ice  
Where did my life go wrong

I'm a cosmopolitan sophisticate  
Of culture and intelligence  
The culmination of technology  
And civilized experience

But I'm carrying the weight of all the useless junk  
A modern man accumulates  
I'm a statistic in a system  
That a civil servant dominates

And all that means is that I'm running on ice  
Caught in the vise so strong  
I'm slipping and sliding, cause I'm running on ice  
Where did my life go wrong

You've got to run  
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As fast as I can climb  
A new disaster every time I turn around  
As soon as I get one fire put out  
There's another building burning down

They say this highway's going my way  
But I don't know where it's taking me  
It's a bad waste, a sad case, a rat race  
It's breaking me

I get no traction cause I'm running on ice  
It's taking me twice as long  
I get a bad reaction cause I'm running on ice  
Where did my life go wrong

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