People called me the scandalizer The world was my appetizer I turned gangs into fertilizer King of the New York streets I broke hearts like window panes For breakfast I'd eat nails and chains To my kingdom I'd proclaim King of the New York streets I floored my accelerator All the way to the equator Just a local gladiator King of the New York streets Well, I was only sixteen years old So what could I have known? In my mind these passing years The legend sure has grown People come from miles around To see my royal tenement crown Always up and never down King of the New York streets Schools gave me nothing needed To my throne I proceeded Every warning went unheeded King of the New York streets I stood tall from all this feeling I bumped my head on heaven's ceiling Shooting dice and double-dealing King of the New York streets Each time I jumped behind the wheel Of a pin-striped custom Oldsmobile The guys would bow and the girls would squeal King of the New Yrk streets Local bullies I deflated Back street jive that I translated Top Ten girls were all that I dated King of the New York streets I didn't need no bodyguard I just ruled from my backyard Living fast, living hard King of the New York streets Well, I was wise in my own eyes I awoke one day and I realized You know this attitude comes from cocaine lies