This city won't wash away This city won't ever drown Blood in the water and hell to pay Sky tear open and pain rain down Doesn't matter 'cause come what may I ain't ever gonna leave this town This city won't wash away This city won't ever drown Ain't the river or the wind to blame Everybody around here knows Nothin' holdin' back Ponchartrain Except for a prayer and a promise's ghost We just carry on diggin' our graves In solid marble above the ground Maybe our bones'll wash away But this city won't ever drown This city won't ever die Just as long as her heart beats strong Like a second line steppin' high Raisin' hell as we roll along Gentilly to the Vieux Carre Lower Nine, Central City, Uptown Singin' Jacamo fee-nah-nay This city won't ever drown Doesn't matter cause there ain't no way I'm ever gonna leave this town This city won't wash away This city won't ever drown