I wasn't born in Chigaco, But I can play the blues. I wasn't part of no union, But I paid my dues.

I never got into a train wreck, But I went off the rails. I never went under the hammer, 'cause I was hard as nails.

I never swam in dirty water, But my name was mud. I never knew you was a virus, But you got into my blood.

I never was a politician, But I learned to lie. I never led a delegation, I was too smart to try.

I wasn't born in Chigaco, But I can play the blues. I wasn't part of no union, But I paid my dues.

I never was no kind of prisoner,
But I've been to jail.
And I was never in a train wreck,
But I went off the rails, big time.

I never swam in dirty water, But my name was mud. I never knew you was a virus, You got into my blood, blood.

I wasn't born in Chigaco, But I can play the blues, ah.