I was caught up in a fever In that summer of '69 And my heart was cryin' out for change And I knew time was comin' when I'd get away. So I moved down to that city Where I met a friend of mine And I must admit he tried to warn me well With all those bad luck stories he could tell. He said "Take the money and run, Take the money and run Believe it, in this town you can't trust anyone You're gonna learn that lesson my son". "Take the money and run, Buy yourself a place in the sun Don't be a fool, don't you trust anyone You gotta take the money and run, take the money and run". He was broken, he was wasted He'd been brought down to his knee And his heart was crying out for truth You could see the whole world's sadness in his eyes. So I took good care of business At least as far as I could see I could read the signs and I knew all the lines But so many times his voice came back to me. "Take the money and run, Get it at the point of a gun Believe it, in this town you can't trust anyone You're gonna learn that lesson my son". "Take the money and run, Buy yourself a place in the sun Don't be a fool, don't you trust anyone You gotta take the money and run, take the money and run". I've been wanderin' through this wasteland Where the blind go leading the blind And the only sound on the money-go-round Was the million voices waiting to be found. I could only hear a whisper It was comin' from the one I loved And her heart was saying this can't be right All my wasted days and all her lonely nights. Take the money and run, Get it at the point of a gun Believe it, n this town you can't trust anyone You're gonna learn that lesson my son. Take the money and run, Buy yourself a place in the sun Don't be a fool, don't you trust anyone You gotta take the money and run, take the money and run.