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I`ve been walkin` the streets so long,
Singin` the same old song.
I know every crack on these dirty sidewalks of Broadway;
Where hustle is the name of the game,
And nice guys get washed away like the snow and the rain.
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There`s been a load of compromising,
On the road to my horizon.
But I`m gonna be where the lights are shining on me;

CHORUS:

Like a rhinestone cowboy,
Riding out on a horse in a starspangled rodeo.
Rhinestone cowboy,
Getting cards and letters from people I don't even know;

An offer`s comin` over the phone.

Well I really don't mind the rain,
And a smile can hide the pain;
But you're down when you're ridin' a train,
That's takin' the long way.
But I dream of the things I will do,
With subway ticket and a dollar tucked inside my shoe.

There's been a load of compromising,
On the road to my horizon.
But I'm goin' where the lights are shining on me;

CHORUS:...