

# Down And Out In New York City

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Say brother, can I borrow a thin brother  
You know, a dime?  
Say it, say it, say it sis  
I'd sure like to have this little dime for me  
So I can get this cup of coffee  
Cop me a snack, somethin'  
I guess I better quit tryin' to be hip and get on down  
Yea man, like, you know

I was born in New York City on a Monday  
It seems I was out shinin' shoes 'bout two to noon

All the fat cats, in the bad hats doing me a real big favor  
Got the fat cats, in the bad hats laying it on real good  
Here's a dime boy, give me a shine boy

When the cold wind comes, it live at New York City  
And the street's no place to be but there you are

So you try hard, or you die hard  
No one really gives a good damn  
You try hard, and you die hard  
No one gives a damn

Here's a dime boy, give me a shine boy

in New York City  
Ain't no way to be, but where can you go?  
When you're down and out in New York City  
I'm never, never, never gonna get that way again, ow

No, no, no  
No, no, not me

When you need a friend  
When you want a friend

Gonna get myself together 'til the mornin'  
Gonna leave it all and a one bad dream

All the fat cats, in the bad hats doing me a real big favor  
Got the fat cats, in the bad hats, laying it on real good  
Here's a dime boy, give me a shine boy, wow, ow, yeah

Give me a shine boy