In the waking hours of some not too distant morning you come walking barefoot to this cowl pulled mind selling yesterday's dreams wrapped in tomorrow's paper whistling for a dog named kindness that you'll never find It's a cold, hard world love these are cold hard times these are cold hard times

Standing in some narrow space you'll hear your mother crying

for the thoughts she had and didn't use and now they're gone

and your father is still out back he's selling and he's buying

there's nothing he can give you 'cause he's never once been wrong

It's a cold, hard world love these are cold hard times these are cold hard times

I heard my brother died last week or was it just a rumor from an overdose of hate taken in his veins
I heard the preachers said God must have a sense of humor 'cause when they put him in the grave it didn't even rain It's a cold, hard world love these are cold hard times these are cold hard times these are cold hard times