New York, can take your life "big apple" makes you pay the price In New York, yeah, yeah,

Walk down the avenue Might as well be on the moon In New York, yeah, yeah

Oh, look out!
There's trouble in the dark

Look out!
The trail of the shark
In New York, yeah, yeah

Oh, look out!
They know all the tricks
Look out!
Better make it quick
You hear them laughing right behind you:
Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha

Harlem desire!
Let our childrun play with toys
'n no more guns for little boys

This is my harlem desire!

Just one night of peaceful sleep

And no more fighting in the streets, yeah

Ha ha ha ha Harlem!
In: ha ha ha ha Harlem!
In: ha ha ha ha Harlem!
In: ha ha ha ha Harlem!

Candy's kinda neat
But "sugar-hill" is bitter sweet
In New York, yeah, yeah

So you cry out, 'n never leave 'cause Harlem road's a oneway-street In New York, yeah, yeah