

## Dead End Street

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I was born in a city the called the 'Windy City'  
And they call it the 'Windy City' because of the 'Hawk'.  
All mighty Hawk,  
Talking about Mr. Wind kind of mean around winter time  
I happen to live on a street that was a dead-end street  
There was nothing to block or buffer the wind, the elements  
Keep them from knocking my pad down, Jim I mean really socking  
it to me  
And the boiler would bust and the heat was gone

I would have to get fully dressed before I could go the bed  
Put everything on but my goulashes cause they had buckles on th  
em  
And my folks didn't play that said don't you be getting up in t  
here with  
Buckles on them goulashes and tear up my bed clothes but I was  
fortunate  
As soon as I was big enough to get a job save me enough money t  
o buy me a ticket I split  
I got myself together now so I'm going back there to see about  
it see if it's still the same  
I just wanted to tell you about it, you know it's all right

They say this is a big rich town I live in the poorest part  
I was raised on a dead-end street in a city without a heart  
I learned to fight before I was six only way I could get along  
But when you're raised on a dead-  
end street you have to be tough and strong  
Now all the guys are always getting in trouble that the way it'  
s always been

But when the odds are all against you how can you win  
I'm gonna push my way out of here ever thou I can't say when  
But I'm gonna get off of this dead-  
end street and I ain't never gonna coma back again  
I'm gonna push my way out of here ever thou I can't say when  
But I'm gonna get off of this dead-end street

And I ain't never gonna come back to live here again  
Never, No I ain't gonna come back here to live on this dead-  
end street no more  
Cause I'm gonna get me a job, I'm gonna save my dough  
Get away from here you-all, I ain't gonna come back no more  
Not ever, dead-end street  
I tired of breaking my back gonna start using my mind

Tired of working all of the time  
I say there's trouble down there

I say there's trouble down there  
I say there's trouble down there yeah  
Down off a dead-end street  
Down off a dead-end street