

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