As the snow flies
On a cold and gray Chicago mornin'
A poor little baby child is born
In the ghetto

And his mama cries
'Cause if there's one thing that she don't need
It's another hungry mouth to feed
In the ghetto

People, don't you understand
The child needs a helping hand
Or he'll grow to be an angry young man some day
Take a look at you and me,

Are we too blind to see, Do we simply turn our heads And look the other way Well the world turns

And a hungry little boy with a runny nose Plays in the street as the cold wind blows In the ghetto
And his hunger burns

So he starts to roam the streets at night And he learns how to steal And he learns how to fight In the ghetto

Then one night in desperation A young man breaks away He buys a gun, steals a car, Tries to run, but he don't get far

And his mama cries
As a crowd gathers 'round an angry young man
Face down in the street with a gun in his hand
In the ghetto

As her young man dies, On a cold and grey Chicago mornin', Another little baby child is born In the ghetto

And his mama cries In the ghetto In the ghetto