You wouldn't believe all the things that I've done You just can't see 'cause you're young I've paid my dues and I had my fun You'll have yours too, son You'll have yours too, son

You wouldn't believe how fast they can take it away You're walking 'round free and in chains the next day Time has a way of breaking you down Piece by piece From your tooth to your claw

Oh, trust me my son 'Cause you're still young

You wouldn't believe all the things that I've seen The girls I have known, and places I've been I've stood at Pompeii, prayed to stones in Delhi But you don't see shit when you look at me

I've watched the smoke rise from a prince's pyre
It don't look much different from a beggar's fire
I know you don't think much of me
But in time, you'll see
In time, my son
'Cause you're still young

Don't do what I've done When I was young

I've got some wisdom
From the time that I've done
But you're still young