The old man is out by nine His wife died a year ago Always wearing his Sunday clothes Never seen him talk to anyone

Liquor stores and churches There's one on every corner Thanks for all my daily bread A can of food, bottle of wine And a 99 cent pack of cigarettes

He's a solid piece of stone
He ain't got much backbone
He's a solid piece of stone
And he's got to get back to the ghetto

A dusty old bone

For the dogs to swallow whole

He likes to go his way alone

Watch them pick apart this old lone soul

He's a solid piece of stone
He ain't got much backbone
He's a solid piece of stone
And he's got to get back to the ghetto

So it goes, he's alone
They pick apart his old lone soul
They pick apart his old lone soul
So it goes, he's alone, my life, my hole

He's a solid piece of stone
He ain't got much backbone
He's a solid piece of stone
And he's got to get back to the ghetto
He's a solid piece of stone
And he's got to get back to the ghetto