I've been walkin' these streets so long
Singin' the same old song
I know every crack in these dirty sidewalks of Broadway

Where hustle's the name of the game And nice guys get washed away Like the snow and the rain

There's been a load of compromisin'
On the road to my horizon
But I'm gonna be where the lights are shinin' on me

Like a rhinestone cowboy Riding out on a horse in a star-spangled rodeo

Like a rhinestone cowboy Getting cards and letters from people I don't even know And offers comin' over the phone

Well, I really don't mind the rain
And a smile can hide all the pain
But you're down when you're ridin' the train that's takin' the
long way

And I dream of the things I'll do With a subway token
And a dollar tucked inside my shoe

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