The streets of persuasion
Are plated with gold
Your heart's in the right place,
But you travel down the wrong road
Like so many before you
The gates open wide
Here come the rising tide (rising tide)

Let's go out tonight
There's a mystery underneath the neon light
Before life and dreams collide
Cause the truth's gonna come and cut me open wide
And you can't escape the rising of the tide

Keep up your appearance; you're joining the choir With everybody singing out "Glory, Hallelujah" (Hallelujah) The time came for your solo But there was nowhere to hide Here come the rising tide (rising tide)

And the company you keep,
Well they plan your crucifixion as we speak
So, baby 'til life and the dream collide
There's gonna be a mystery underneath those neon lights
If you can't decipher just who's on your side
You will not escape the rising of the tide

Can you tell me brother? Was I deceived, or in denial? I was there, in the back of the room, when you testified

With your pitchfork tongue, you licked your lips and lied We're never gonna know how hard you cried When you petitioned and your access was denied 'Til the venom in your veins is satisfied 'Til you suffocate and swallow down the pride

Well you can't escape
(You can't escape)
Yeah, you can't escape
(You can't escape)
No, you can't escape the rising of the tide