Street fighting man
He's a hard one yes indeed
Just got in from Houston
Who knows when he'll leave
Made his reputation
In small town southern bars
Everyone respects him
Treats him like a star

Street fighter
Street fighting man
(You got to)
Watch yourself today
While you're on the run
Cover the tracks
That you lay down
Your time is gonna come
(Yes it is)

He's got a lady waiting
Back home in New Orleans
A Louisiana sweetheart
They call the Southern Queen
He promised her
They'd settle down
And make a home someday
But he said, "Babe,
You've got to wait awhile.
I've got one last debt to pay."

He met his man at Steeler's Inn Where they play Cards for pay In a flash Two shots were fired And one man rode away

The crowd began
To circle him
As he lay there dying
And in the night
He thought he heard