I'd like to tell a story and it goes like this Before I was makin' money hand over fist The mid-80's is what I'm talkin' about You will agree without a reasonable doubt As I tell this tale, sittin' on a pail This is one you'll like when it's done Only certain people know about Union Square The Rooftop, Latin Quarter, cause I was there Red Alert downtown, Brucie Bee uptown Grandmaster Vic had a different sound You had block parties, with free gifts Mr. Magic and Marley gave radio a lift You don't understand, but we do That's why I'm tryin' to explain it to you So sit back and listen, to what I say As I tell the story of this beautiful day

"We'll go dancing in the dark" hey!
"Walking through the park, and reminiscing"
Break it on down!

Before Versace and DKNY

There was a lot of clothes that was fly
Like Polo, Benetton, Coca-Cola and Osh Kosh
Guess jeans and others that's acid washed
D.C. wore K-Swiss and Sergio ...Vertini
Girls wore tennis skirts, that was mini
Spot..., Ewings, ...
New Balance, Fila, Nike and Elites
African clothes and medallions was worn
And when Rakim came out, knowledge was born
In the midst of it all, I almost forgot
There was a brother uptown makin' his own spot
Makin' Gucci, leather and suede tailor made
That had more flavor than mom's cool-Aid
I'm gonna tell you, the name of this man
He goes by the name of the Dapper Dan

See at this time, you might think I'm strange
'Cause I wore a four-finger ring, and big gold chains
Like I was Mr. T from the A-Team
It was just a sign of me makin' cream
But the cars and jeeps