

Cloud Nine

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I'd like to tell you a story about me and my family
And the neighborhood in which I was raised
I chose to do this particular number because
It describes my childhood to a tee, you see

Childhood part of my life wasn't very pretty
See, I was born and raised in the slums of the city, huh
It was a one room shack we slept in, other children beside me
We hardly had enough food or room to sleep
Hard times, my, my, my
Let me tell you 'bout my papa

My father didn't know the meaning of work
He disrespected mama, oh yes he did
I left home seekin' a job that I never did find
Depressed and down-hearted, I took to Cloud Nine

And I'm doing fine
Up here on Cloud Nine
Do-dang-dang-dang-dang-dang-a-dooga-dang
Fine, up here on Cloud Nine

Folks down there tell me, said
"Give yourself a chance, son, don't let life pass you by"
But the world of reality's a rat race
Where only the strong survive
It's a dog-eat-dog world and that ain't no lie
Listen, it ain't even safe no more, to walk the streets at night

I'm doing fine, fine, fine, up here on Cloud Nine
Let me tell you about Cloud Nine
(Cloud Nine, Cloud Nine, Cloud Nine, Cloud Nine)

Up, up, up, up and away (Cloud Nine)

I wanna say I love the life I live
And I'm gonna live the life I love
Up here on Cloud Nine

(Cloud Nine) You're as free as a bird in flight
(Cloud Nine) There's no difference between day and night
(Cloud Nine) And it's a world of love and harmony
(Cloud Nine) You're a million miles from reality

Up, up, up and away

I wanna take you (higher), oh, (higher)
Got to take you (higher), oh, (higher)

(Cloud Nine) You can be what you wanna be
(Cloud Nine) And you ain't got no responsibility
(Cloud Nine) Every man, every man is free
(Cloud Nine) You're a million miles from reality
(I wanna take you higher)