

# Sidewalks Of Chicago

Merle Haggard

The Levis that I'm wearin' have been good to me  
They just won't admit they're growin' old  
Though my shirt's made contact with the gutter, now and then  
At least it keeps my body from the cold

Thank God, folks back home in Harland County  
Can't see what success has done to me  
Would you believe the kids in Harland High School  
Voted me most likely to succeed

Now I'm walkin' on the sidewalks of Chicago  
If I buy the bread I can't afford the wine  
Now I'm walkin' on the sidewalks of Chicago  
Wishin' I had lived some other time

I wasn't here too long before I met her  
And then later she really swept me off my feet  
And she stayed just long enough to make me love her  
And now they're sweepin' me up off the street

My mama thinks I've really hit the big time  
She's written ever day since I've been gone  
But she doesn't know that 109 West Charolette  
Is the address of the West Side Mission Home

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