Once upon a time you dressed so fine
Threw the bums a dime in your prime, didn't you?
People call, say "Beware doll, you're bound to fall"
You thought they were all kiddin' you

You used to laugh about
Everybody that was hangin' out
Now you don't talk so loud
Now you don't look so proud
About having to be scrounging your next meal

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With no direction home
Like a complete unknown?
Just like a rolling stone?

You've gone to the finest school all right, Miss Lonely But you know you only used to get juiced in it Nobody's ever taught you how to live out on the street And now you're gonna have to get used to it

You say you never compromise
With the mystery tramp, but now you realize
He's not selling any alibis
As you stare into the vacuum of his eyes
Then you say, "Would you like to do now, do you want to make a deal?"

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Aw, you never turned around to see the frowns
On the jugglers and the clowns when they all did tricks for you
Never understood that it ain't no good
You shouldn't let other people get your kicks for you

You used to ride on a chrome horse with your diplomat Who carried on his shoulder a Siamese cat Ain't it hard when you discover that He really wasn't where it's at After he took from you everything he could steal?

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Princess on the steeple and all the pretty people They're all drinkin', thinkin' that they got it made Exchangin' all that precious gifts But you'd better take your diamond ring, ya better pawn it, babe

You used to be so amused At Napoleon in rags and the language that he used Go to him now, he calls you, you can't refuse When you ain't got nothin', you got nothin' to lose You're invisible now, you got no secrets to conceal

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