Runaway Child, Running Wild

The Temptations

You played hooky from school And you can't go out to play, yeah Mama said for the rest of the week In your room you gotta stay, yeah Now you feel like the whole world's pickin' on you But deep down inside you know it ain't true

You've been punished 'cause your mother Wants to raise you the right way, yeah But you don't care, 'cause you already made up your mind You wanna run away, yeah you're on your way

Run away child, running wild Run away child, running wild Better come back home, better come back home Where you belong, where you belong

Roaming through the city, going nowhere fast You're on your own at last Hey it's getting late, where will you sleep Gettin' kind-a hungry, you forgot to bring something to eat

Oh, lost with no money, you start to cry But remember you left home wanting to be grown So dry your weepin' eyes Siren screamin' down, neon light is flickin', you want your mama

Ah, there's nothing for you You're frightened and confused I want my mama But she's much too far away She can't hear a word you say

You heard some frightening news on the radio About little boys running away from home And their parents don't see them no more You wanna stop hitch a ride and go home But your mama told you never trust a stranger And you don't know which way to go

Streets are dark and deserted Not a sound nor sign of life How you long to hear your mother's voice 'Cause you're lost and alone but remember you made the choice

Run away child, running wild You, better go back home where you belong Run away child, running wild You, better go back home where you belong

You're lost in this great big city Go back home where you belong Not one familiar face; ain't a pity? Go back home where you belong Oh, runaway child runnin' wild You'd better go back home where you belong

Run away child, running wild

You, better go back home where you belong

Mama, mama, please, come and see about me! But she's much too far away; she can't hear a word you say You're frightened and confused; which way will you choose?