When I was a little boy
I lived in a country town
I get I didn't know too much then
I don't know much more now
Used to be a paperboy
I lived in my bedroom
Smoked cigarettes behind the garage
Stayed away from the living room
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

When I was the age 18
Away from home, I ran
Made it to the big N.Y.C
I lived in a garbage can
One night I got all juiced up
Walking home from hearing some band
I tripped on a Dentin wrapper
And then a cab ran over my hand
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

Packed myself up a suitcase
Checked in at Greyhound train
I made it to Chicago
I hope it's not too late
I got to make my fortune
Sometime before it snows
I got to prove to the folks I'm a man
Before it gets too cold
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

Chicago you were good to me
I'll be back again someday
But I'm still broke, I'm still a choke
I'm-a hitching to L.A
I'm gonna get me a woman
And live in the Hollywood hills
That I find my way in life
She can pay the bills
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

Well I made it to 23
And I still don't pay no tax
But I've bought a guitar
And I'm gonna go far
Cause' I know where it's at
I'm gonna write me a song that says something
Instead of "I do, I do,"
Cause I know most folks are smarter than that
And they just ain't gonna be fooled

I'm gonna call it "In The Year 2525"
Or something like that
And if it sells, then I'll do well
Gonna pay this woman back
And all my friends of yesterday
Come and knocking at my door
Telling me how great I am

I never did that before
Yeah, yeah