So say one and so say all
Say what you gotta say
Or don't say nothing at all
You been tossin' and turnin' through soft sticky nights
While the Bronx below you fights to stay alive

So say one and so say all Be what you gotta be Or don't be nothing at all

Be gracious to your mother
When you leave this neighbourhood
The change is going to do her good
Next to me you look bad
'Cos there ain't no fresh air for my momma, my momma

But the drop is shear When you break away

Take me away
It's just about time to hit the road
And say
You gotta believe in something
It's easy to see
My God is fading away
So pick up your bible and pray for me

We're all alone in the darkness But our eyes are wide open We don't see nothing And our hands are tied To the railings of the Bowery And the humid city slickers

So say one and so say all We had a lot to say And we said it all

The cost of living in dreams Is rising like a crime wave The American way of dying

And it gets you every time
And it looks like it's got to my momma
My momma
May she rest in peace