

# Dirty Old Town

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Well, there are 16 people in Danny's apartment  
16 people are living in there  
Remember the days of rent control  
Grandpa remembers rock and roll

These days won't last forever  
These days won't last for long  
You know, somebody somewhere owes us a favor  
That's how things really get done  
In this World of Opportunities, it's a Land of Possibilities

We want to live in a dirty old town  
Building it up, tearing us down  
With our head in the clouds and our feet on the ground  
We want to live ? dirty old town

Now when the ladies come from Kansas  
They wear their traditional colors  
Today the fabrics are ragged and torn  
The clothes on their backs is all that they own  
They say, "Don't draw attention to yourself  
They'll tear you apart for a couple a bucks  
Keep your head down and keep your nose clean  
'Cause people who're scared do dangerous things"

These days can't last forever  
These days can't last for long  
You know someday things will get better  
Somehow things will get done  
It's a World of Possibilities,  
It's a Land of Opportunities

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These days shoes are worn only on special occasions  
Battles are fought for fam'ly and nations  
Maybe you pray, but God isn't home  
And there's no guarantee that justice be done

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