Manhattan, Kansas ain't no place to have a baby When you got no man to give it his last name And my folks back in Manhattan didn't want me or my bundle

So I took my child and caught an evening train.

And I found a job in Denver washing dishes in a diner

At least it buys my baby milk to drink

He once told me I was pretty but the only ring it got me

Was the ring of grease that runs around the sink

(Chorus)

Yes, I lay beside him gentle
'Cause he told me that he loved me
And he made me dance before the music played
But at least I didn't beg him
I'd rather wash his dishes
'Cause it makes me feel as if my hands are clean
At night I stand here thinkin'
'Bout the man back home in Kansas
And how his folks just turned away the shame
And I stare down through the soapsuds
And reached down and pull the drain plug
And I watch as Manhattan drains away
(Repeat chorus)