Mama, tell your children Not to step on any cracks And mama, tell your children About runnin' with the pack Tell your sons and daughters 'Bout the strangers they will meet With too much money, too many offers From the other site of the street And your words sound just like poetry They sound like poetry should They sound like words of wisdom But they never do much good And the kid's are havin' fun tonight Out in Hollywood Tell me why, now Tell me if you could Why only the young die good Mama speaks to no one She says what have I done so wrong It's three o'clock in the morning And my baby's still not home She waits alone in the darkness

Waits for the phone to ring Hear a vioce that's heard it all before Yeah, it's heard about everything And the voice sounds just like poetry Sounds like poetry should Sounds like words of wisdom But they never do much good And the big kid's havin' fun tonight Out in Hollywood Tell me why, now Tell me if you could Why only the young die good And she plays the whole scene Over in her head one last time Would it come out any different If I'd been strong Ain't it funny how one moment Everything is fine And the next moment Everything is wrong And only the young die good Only the young die good...