City of Mud

Improperly fed
And down on my luck
I stumble past the hunchbacks
Into a city of mud
The greyhound station
Is never short of bums
And everybody's real friendly
In a city of mud

I buy a cup of coffee
Watch another bus load up
I'm not going anywhere
A ticket costs too much
A redhead calls me Johnny
Says would you like
To have some fun
But you have to
Pay for everything
In a city of mud

I still wake up
With a case of the shakes
Water rising from
The levee break
And it's still too late
To escape the flood
In a city of mud

I can't stop coughing
But no one seems to care
Everybody down here
Is allergic to the air
Put myself in this position
Can't blame fate
For what I've done
I should've taken it
When I had the chance to run

There are flowers upriver

And perfume's in the air
Kids living on allowances
Trust funds and health care
But in this part of the city
The water drowns the sun
And nobody dreams of nothing
In a city of mud

Repeat chorus

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