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Merle Haggard "Sidewalks of Chicago"

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The Levis that I'm wearin' have been good to me They just won't admit they're growin' old Though my shirt's made contact with the gutter, now and then

At least it keeps my body from the cold

Thank God, folks back home in Harland County Can't see what success has done to me Would you believe the kids in Harland High School Voted me most likely to succeed?

Now I'm walkin' on the sidewalks of Chicago If I buy the bread I can't afford the wine Now I'm walkin' on the sidewalks of Chicago Wishin' I had lived some other time

I wasn't here too long before I met her And then later she really swept me off my feet And she stayed just long enough to make me love her And now they're sweepin' me up off the street

My mama thinks I've really hit the big time She's written every day since I've been gone But she doesn't know that 109 West Charlotte Is the address of the West Side Mission Home

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