

Mickey Gilley

"Sidewalks of Chicago"

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(Dave Kirby)

The Levi's that I'm wearin' have been good to me
They just won't admit they're growin' old
Though my shirt's made contract with a gutter
At least it keeps my body from the cold.

Thank God the folks back home in Harlan County
Can't see what success has done to me
Would you believe the kids in Harlan High School
They voted me most likely to succeed.

Now I'm walking on the sidewalks of Chicago
If I buy the bread I can't afford my wine
I'm walking on the sidewalks of Chicago
Wishing I had lived some other time.

I wasn't here too long before I met her
And the lady really swept me off my feet
She stayed just long enough for me to love her
And now they're pickin' me up off the street.

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

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