

## **Clash, The**

### **"Lightning Strikes"**

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(The Clash)

Now lightning strikes in old New York  
It may be dark but I wanna talk  
It might rain, it might snow  
Too many things I got to know  
If this is spring than it's time to sing  
Never mind the l'il birdies wing  
Look out, look out, old New York  
New York's coming an' New York talks  
Hey! Strike! Not once...  
Strike! But twice!

Get out your money - peel a slab  
Roll some notes an' hail a cab  
Drive in church drive in back  
Drive down Seventh in a tank  
Take in the sights, feel the breeze  
See New York's one and only tree  
It can be found in Garbage park  
But don't inspect it after dark  
Strike! New York! Lightning!  
Not once but twice.

Accidental hike in the transit strike  
Roller skate or ride a bike  
Three to a car, Brooklyn Bridge  
You won't get far if you're privileged  
Graffiti Jack sprays in black  
An Englishman can he read it back?  
Deli Joe he ought to know  
He runs the gang on Pastrami Row  
Strike! Lightning strike!

Because glass to glass, street to street  
Buildings touch St. Peter's feet  
From car to bar, prez to shah  
Everything is in the jar  
The 4 winds blow cos the 4 winds know  
Takes a special hustle to make a roll  
Honey girl on her feet  
I wish everything to make her sweet

Strike! Twice! OK so roll!  
From Harlem! Strike one!

Harlem slum to penthouse block  
On every door I already knocked  
There wasn't anybody that I didn't leave alone  
Somebody lying under every stone  
Everything that a man could need  
In a bag down by my knee  
That looks good, this ain't got seeds  
Cheaper than booze down in the bowery  
Lightning strike! Old New York!  
Everything's light! Strike!

Hey ho such a night  
I'll see y'all when the lightning strike  
A polaroid caught in the act  
You're married too and that's a fact  
But I won't peek and I won't squeek  
Down by the trucks on Christopher Street  
It's Cuban Day - Oi Vey  
Chinese New Year let's call it a day  
Tootsie! Hey Chi man!  
That melody is Puerto Rican  
Hey Chi man is what he's speaking  
An' there's the road down into London Town  
Where many cars get broken down  
It's the Westway from Ladbroke Grove  
Runs down to Old Hounslow  
Just thought I'd mention the new extention  
That run's down the 59th street intersection  
Did you hear the news y'all?  
London Town on the Broadway!

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