

# Kurtis Blow, Tough

[Intro:]

I don't want a lot,I want just enough  
So why has it got to be so damn TOUGH

Livin' on the uptown side of jive  
Hustlin' a buck to stay alive  
Lookin' for a ten and they give your five  
Well it's tough  
You talk to the boss,the boss is gruff  
You ask for a raise and they call your bluff  
You may get some,but it's never enough  
Because it's tough

[STRONG:] Like a magnum force  
[ROUGH:] Like a new divorce  
[MEAN:] Like a three-time loser  
[BAD:] Like an L.A. cruiser  
[DOWN:] Like a limousine  
[BLIND:] Like a submarine  
[HARD:] Like cold concrete  
[TOUGH:] That's the rhythm of the beat

You hit the street and you look for work  
You don't want to be some welfare jerk  
But I wonder how you get to be Captain Kirk  
It's tough  
Now Kirk has a ship called the Enterprise  
He cuts the aliens down to size  
But I wonder what he'd do with the uptown guys  
They're tough

[TOUGH:]  
Try to get some cash  
When you're looking for a raise and they give you trash

[ROUGH:]  
When you got it like that  
And your woman's running 'round with a baseball bat

[HARD:]  
Try to play it cool when the girl's all know you're an out of work fool

[TOUGH:]  
How it seems to be,wish I had somebody lookin' out for me

Try to find a lover if you dare  
Even if you do she just won't care  
Well no one ever said that that life is fair  
Because it's tough  
Saw a fine young lady the other day  
I started my rap,I had a lot to say  
But she said she was goin' with a C.P.A.  
Now it's tough

[STRONG:] Like a superhero  
[ROUGH:] Like a bank book zero  
[MEAN:] Like the Oakland Raiders  
[BAD:] Like the Caped Crusaders  
[DOWN:] Like a homerun ball  
[BLIND:] Like an umpire's call  
[HARD:] Like a cruel deceit  
[TOUGH:] That's the rhythm of the beat

You worked all year to buy a brand new car

A Coupe de Ville or a Jaguar  
But you didn't make enough for a good cigar  
Because it's tough  
So you went to the bank to try to get a loan  
But the guy behind the desk had a heart os stone  
He said &quot;You don't need a car,use the telephone!&quot;  
It's tough

[TOUGH:]  
It's a way of life,lost your job  
Your money,but not your wife

[ROUGH:]  
Gettin' in the black,Uncle Sam's in your pocket  
And your woman's on your back

[HARD:]  
That's the deal,had to get a loan just to buy a meal

[TOUGH:]  
That's how it goes,when it's gettin' better,nobody knows

[STRONG:] Like Chocolate Thunder  
[ROUGH:] Like Stevie Wonder  
[MEAN:] Like Brucie The Shark  
[BAD:] Like the Raider's Ark  
[DOWN:] Like Sugar's Glove  
[BLIND:] Like a man in love  
[HARD:] Like a big defeat  
TOUGH:That's the rhythm of the beat

[TOUGH:] That's the word,unemployment is all I heard  
[ROUGH:] When you start your day,watch the finance man tow your car away  
[HARD:] To hold a job when you've been replaced by a little blue knob  
[TOUGH:] Like a dollar steak,ain't someone ever gonna give me a break

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