

# The Boomtown Rats, Joey's On The Street Again

Sooner or later when the dawn was breaking  
The joint was jumping and the walls were shaking  
Joey sneaked in the backdoor way  
Pretending he was with the band, he never used to pay  
He was no great draw at pulling the chicks  
He used to lie against the wall like he was holding up the bricks  
And all the things that guy used to do to get his kicks  
He was a legend in his lifetime with the neighborhood kids

They said "Joey did this" and "Joey did that";  
Oh that guy was crazy, what a crazy cat  
Then something strange would happen, there's trouble on the way  
And trouble only means one thing....  
Joey's on the street again.

Joey grew older, older without a cause  
Got married, had some kids and had his brushes with the law  
Settled down and got a job, then said "I'm leaving" one day  
"I've gotta hang loose a while, take care while I'm away."  
People said they'd seen him, they were nearly always wrong  
'Cause no one knew how much he had, where he'd gone or for how long  
'Til one day there came a rumor, floating from the docks  
Saying a crazy stranger had been found lying among the rocks.

The said "Joey was this" and "Joey was that";  
Oh that guy was crazy, what a crazy cat  
But no one quite believed it, all rumors are the same  
And now if something happens they say....  
Joey's on the street again.

When Joey moved away  
A lot of the kids said "I can't stay around here";  
They said "I'm moving out, going away"  
They said "I'm leaving, getting out"  
"I'm gonna go somewhere where it doesn't stink  
Away from the alleys, somewhere I can think  
Wash the dirt from my hands, watch it wash down the sink  
It's a strain on the brain living close to the brink

Look at the brickwall gravestone where some kid was sprayed  
Saying nobody could be bothered here to rule O.K.  
Don't believe it, don't believe it what they say on TV  
There's no romance, no romance  
For Joey in this city.