The Clash, Lightning Strikes (Not Once But Twice

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 I'il birdies wing Look out, look out, old New York New York's coming an' New York talks Hey! Strike! Not once...

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!