Back On the Street

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They tell me I've paid back the debt I owed
Forty-four months since the slammer door closed
They give me a suit and put me back on the road
And my thoughts are racingWhere do I go? What am I supposed to live on?
What happens when the twenty-five dollars is gone?
That leaves me lots of time to wonder why I was born
But the countdown is onEverybody's dancing
The music sounds entrancing but you can't find the beat
It's the ticking of a thousand human time bombs
Who are back on the streetOh the names have been changed but the story's the same
History will repeat
Add it all up and then divide it by zero
'Cause you're back on the street
I can't stand the strain of this job no more
I must have forgot what I took it on for
I make lots of money, yet still I want more
And my head is blazingI think that I'll check out the shops downtown
Sometimes it helps to buy things when I feel brought down
At this hour I might dodge those hippie low-life's around
But the countdown is onOnce you had to stand out looking for a handout
Free love and body heat
And that money's just a crumpled green ball in your pocket
When you're back on the streetOh the names have been changed but the story's the same
History will repeat
Add it all up and then divide it by zero
'Cause you're back on the street
Back on the street again
Said, "You're back on the street again"
The countdown is on
And nobody knows whenSpreading like a cancer
Looking for the answer in everyone you meet
And each in his way has a hustle to play
When he's back on the streetOh the names have been changed but the story's the same
History will repeat
Add it all up and then divide it by zero
'Cause you're back on the streetBack on the street again
Said, "You're back on the street again"
The countdown is on
And nobody knows when

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