

# Back to Memphis

**Chuck Berry**

I've been struggling up here, child, trying to make a living  
Everybody wants to take, nobody like giving  
I wish I was in Memphis back home there with my Mama  
The only clothes I got left that ain't rags is my pajamas  
No brotherly love, no help, no danger  
Just a great big town full of cold hearted strangers I went hungry in New York and Chicago was no better  
But today, my dear mother wrote and told me in her letter  
Son, come back to Memphis and live here with your Mama  
You can walk down Beale Street, honey, wearing your pajamas  
You know home folks here, we let do just what you want to  
And I born you and raised you right here on the corner I'm going to leave here in the morning and walk down to  
the station  
I've got just enough money to pay my transportation  
I'm going back to Memphis, back home with my Mama  
If I have to ride that bus barefooted in pajamas  
Back home in Memphis, no moaning and groaning  
I know everything will be all right in the morning

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