Trying To Survive

Verse 1

Up at dawn, I gotta work so long, just to keep in step with the modern pace.

A quick shower, then sweat in the rush hour, this can't be living it's such a rat race.

I'm just trying to survive, do I have to learn how to cheat and connive

Like a wild animal trying to stay alive, I'm just trying to survive.

Verse 2

Taxes take everything that I make, and with what's left I gotta make ends meet

Inflation's high but the prices still rise, the way things are going I can't afford to eat.

I'm just trying to survive; my pay is steadily shrinking in size

Just like Lincoln on a bill numbered five, I'm just trying to survive.

Middle

Years ago life was easy, it seemed like yesterday

We took our time, didn't rush or worry; now the times are changin' our ways

Verse 3

When work is done, it's time for some fun, but there's no extra cash I don't even have a dime The money's spent, I have to stay home instead, won't somebody throw me a life line I'm just trying to survive, working harder than a bee in a hive What is it inside me that keeps me in drive, I'm just trying to survive I'm just trying to survive I've got to survive.