

# The Temptations, Runaway Child, Running Wild

You played hooky from school  
And you can't go out to play, yeah  
Mama said for the rest of the week  
In your room you gotta stay, yeah  
Now you feel like  
The whole world's pickin on you  
But deep down inside you know it ain't true  
You've been punished cause your mother  
Wants to raise you the right way, yeah  
But you don't care  
Cause you already made up your mind

You wanna run away, yeah  
You're on your way  
Run away child, running wild  
Run away child, running wild  
Better come back home  
Better come back home  
Where you belong  
Where you belong

Roaming through the city  
Going nowhere fast  
You're on your own at last  
Hey it's getting late, where will you sleep  
Gettin kind-a hungry  
You forgot to bring something to eat  
Oh lost with no money, you start to cry  
But remember you left home  
Wanting to be grown  
So dry your weepin eyes  
Siren screamin down, neon light is flickin  
You want your mama  
Ah there's nothing for you  
You're frightened and confused I want my mama  
But she's much too far away  
She can't hear a word you say  
You heard some frightening news on the radio  
About little boys running away from home  
And their parents don't see them no more  
You wanna hitch a ride and go home  
But your mama told you never trust a stranger  
And you don't know which way to go  
Streets are dark and deserted  
Not a sound nor sign of life  
How you long to hear your mother's voice  
Cause you're lost and alone  
But remember you make the choice

Run away child, running wild  
Better go back home where you belong  
Run away child, running wild  
Better go back home where you belong

You're lost in this great big city  
(Go back home where you belong)  
Not one familiar face  
Ain't it a pity  
(Go back home where you belong)  
Oh run away child, running wild  
You better go back home where you belong  
Mama, mama please come and see about me  
But she's much too far away  
She can't hear a word you say I want my mama

You're frightened and confused  
Which way will you choose