

## ALL THE LIGHTS FLICKERED OUT

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### [OPENING SOUNDS, AND INSTRUMENTAL FIRST LINE LEADS INTO FIRST LYRIC LINE] \*

1. All the lights flickered out  
on Broadway and Sixth  
then the whole town shut down  
before the chaos hit the mix.  
Few survivors would stay,  
the lonely remnant would drift  
— in the anarchist worldwide sift  
of everything, everything rift-to-rift  
[of everything there is]. \*\*

### [INSTRUMENTAL] †

2. Snakes and vipers, and locusts  
like carpetbaggers came.  
Civil structures, institutions,  
genocided in all but name.  
Pandemonium, all solutions  
all flushed down the drain  
Babies dying on the sidewalk,  
no one cared — no one came.  
[A passerby says, "It's all good, man, it's all the same  
. . . it is what it is" . . .].
3. Windows shattered as explosions  
blew whole rooms into the streets.  
Preachers, teachers, brothers, mothers,  
nowadays everyone competes  
for what's left of the dying,  
the rotting, the putrid  
left for the invalid — one man cheats, another beats  
for her last coin,  
[to go rape and pillage in the tenderloin].

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4. **Human nature — gone insane  
unrestrained, full-blast-defiled;  
children smashed against the wall  
— onlookers just turned and smiled.  
Hedonistic normalcy, set free  
to run wild  
all spreading like raging wildfire  
to every man, and woman, and child.  
[How could any of this ever be reconciled?].**
5. **Guard what's mine, take what's yours,  
run through to safety and slam the doors . . .  
The whole body of society  
is covered with Jōb's sores.  
But few are innocent, and fewer will repent  
from the wars  
they once voted to disclaim  
but now have all joined in the game . . .  
[Their blood-soaked stain, will ever remain].**

**[END]**

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\*Song opens with sound of an explosion, then double, triple explosion.

\*\* Last line of every verse: bracketed words are spoken, even whispered in verse 5.

† Every verse is followed by instrumental of same pattern as verses.