

## **TENEMENT HOUSE TYRANNY**

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1. **Walk where the criminals hide  
where ya can't go outside  
without a permit and a prepaid ride.  
Run as soon as you see the sun  
or that man with the gun  
will come to shoot at you for fun.**
  
2. **Go, try to drive in the rain  
but if you swerve from your lane  
they'll beat you with their golden cane.  
How do you like being free ?  
the democracy-bureaucracy  
you ordered for a fee.**
  
3. **All of the hours you waste  
here and there in haste  
on a treadmill feeling chased.  
Stall, to avoid the call  
where someone must report all  
that happens in your tenement hall.**

**BRIDGE: Well, how do you like being free ?  
In the hell of your spiffy new democracy ?  
— Even clammer from the slammer  
for more shackles on your neighbors' ankles  
and to bind everything in your mind,  
demanding free lunch, free ride, free-for-all  
till all freedom's left behind.**

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4. Cry when you've finally had enough  
But you must act tough  
or they'll come destroy and loot your stuff.  
Cling to your only refrain  
that will keep you sane  
from the ungentle mental pain.

**REFRAIN:** Tenement house tyranny,  
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5. Take what you know is yours  
but behind closed doors  
or they'll rob your meager stores.  
Though you don't have a lot  
it's now all you've got  
since they assigned you your new slot.

**[REPEAT REFRIAN]**

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