

“Chinatown”



Was seven years old

and coming to a crazy new world

bathtub on the kitchen floor

Six in a room

Sleeping like we were in a tomb

Thought things were so cool

Couldn't wait

To see the rest of the town

Lower East Side to the east

Little Italy to the North

Tribeca to the West

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From seventy-five,

gang crime was running high

Tong Wars just made us cry

they think we were vile, and this is our way

but most are barely getting by

and from Eight Five, many have said goodbye
now People are just driving by
Just Looking at what's cheap to buy
A place just for supplies

On Baxter Street
on Canal Street
on Hester Street
In Chinatown

Nine Eleven came and brought us all down
No one was around
What will happen to us now
Especially to this town

We all came together to show
how much we can all grow
That we will be better than before
We will flourish once more

There's Precinct Five
There's Mei Lei Wah
There's Joe Shanghai
Engine 9 and 55

Then COVID came and there's so much hate

Hurting us because of race

No signs of respect

Nothing but disconnect

So much neglect

Remember the street named after

Private Danny Chen



Can't forget our history

Please don't forget

your stories and memories

That is Chinatown