

# Ellis Paul, Did I Ever Know You?

So you found yourself a corner apartment  
With a view of the town all your own  
All your friends say  
The city's gonna kill you or cure you  
Five flights of stairs to your home

And even now,  
It's changed how you walk in the street  
Past cabbies and chimney sweeps  
Be careful with whom you should speak to

(chorus)  
What has this city done to you?  
Has it taken the small town out of you  
and turned you into someone I never knew?

When we were kids  
In the warmth of a porch light  
You'd smuggle out twin cigarettes  
blowin' smoke in the air  
With typical hometown flair  
Two futures we could not predict

And look at you now,  
When'd you lose sight of our plans  
For the writer and the music man  
Our faces on magazine stands

(chorus)

What has this city done to you?  
Don't let it take the small town out of you  
and turned you into someone I never knew?  
Did I ever know you?

Do you know how you light up these buildings?  
You can turn the head of a man whose grown old  
You're a candle when the streets grow cold

I can hear a cricket in your fifth floor apartment  
It's 3 AM  
Back home he'd put me to sleep  
But he's fighting to be heard  
He can't get in a word  
'Cause there's a fool  
Laughing outside in the street

Where are you now?  
I lost you outside on Montague Street  
To the city that never will sleep  
Is it the sideshow in you  
That it speaks to?

(chorus)

Hey did I ever know you?  
Did I ever know you?