

Jim Carroll, Jody

Jody, what you been doing?
It's been a long, long time
Since we went dancing in the schoolyard,
With your breasts like bleeding limes

Jody, are you still hanging with that latin?
With rabbit fur inside his wheels?
With his gilbert roland piece,
And his glove department deals

Uptown, we watched the debutantes skating
Across the reservoir ice
Dressed in tweed and leather flags . . .
And you whispered six words twice

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To people who live on the run
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Jody, I spent years living at the movies
I really hated you awhile
I wrote so many incantations
Lord, I had to keep a file . . . you said

"uptown . . ." and I said, "downtown."
Downtown the rooftops are wide
I was sinking in the tar, I screamed,
"this city is on my side"

Jody, go to any window;
Raise your eyes up to the sky . . .
Is that our destiny of yesterday
Or just a vault of lies?

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Jody, all the lay-down promises
They were just a trading of scars
But I remember the wild nights;
Hey, we changed mountains into stars

Uptown, the buildings are syringes
They're all just glass and dreams
One thing about manhattan, it's always
Just what it seems

But jody,
Remember the part
And how we entered at the zoo
That's when I told you that the cheetah
Walked as fine as you

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