

# Lou Reed, The Proposition

You can't have the flower without the root  
You can't have the fire without the soot  
Even a stripper needs her red tasseled suit  
And we were meant to be

In every war the North needs the south  
And everyone knows all assholes have a mouth  
Without mystery what would writers talk about  
And we were meant to be

An apple needs pits the way melons need seed  
Your foot needs your arm and your arm needs your knee  
And one of these days I know you will need me  
We were meant to be ...

You're mother's an ogre your father's a scamp  
You won't see my parents honored on any stamp  
But just like a bulb screws into a lamp  
We were meant to be

The way the AIDS needs a vaccine  
Somewhere a vaccine needs AIDS  
The way a victim needs life  
A life needs to be saved  
And out of all of this  
Will come a better way  
We were meant to be

So you can go to Europe , Los Angeles or Mars  
You can stand on a building throwing cinder blocks on cars  
You can practice deep voodoo  
But like me you'll see  
We were meant to be ...

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