NoMeansNo, Chew

Someone's dad passed out in the street The wind-up key woker bees Buzz right on by At night he still lies There 'cos nobody cares

Insects with briefcases ignore him Been lying here for days Not my problem, man Look man, this is new york

Now the rats are coming to feed Every night they bring more and more of their friends Immune to rat poison, totally unafraid And this is a very special treat indeed

They crawl up my pantleg / I'm too weak to move No one hears my cries as they start on my toes Their teeth are like razors as they gnaw at my hands It sure beats mcdonald's so get it while it lasts

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See the headline in the Post?
No one helped that old man for a week
They're homeless cos they wanna be
Let's talk about sports
Watch 'em tear that old building down
On the way home

But when a bulldozer pops the rubble like a pimple Volcanoes of rats swarm all over us like bees As big as a cat, not afraid to chase people Or nibble on the wipers and vinyl roofs of cars

People are panicking, the cops have all fled A shotgun will only kill one at a time And it won't be the last time we run for our lives From those teeth sinking into our arms and legs

Chew Devour Chew Devour Chew Devour Chew Devour Mmm Mmm Good

City fathers see a bright future ahead Where the poor no longer exist Drive the neighborhood people away from their homes Paint 'em over and quadruple the rent

Isolate the undesirables in places like Harlem Our sowetos without walls If they won't go away Cops smash their heads Like they did in Tompkins Square

Those stories give me the creeps
I hope I didn't miss that last train
Some smart-ass plastered life-size pictures of rats
On the walls of the subway station

Funny joke

It's so quiet down here It's a little too quiet down here

Who's that across the tracks Smoldering eyes are glaring up at me Inching closer and closer, almost laughing out loud The train finally comes, but it won't even stop

Not here, not tonight I'm off in an hour, I don't wanna get involved With some guy in a suit fighting rats off his face Just leave 'em to the night, they'll be gone the next day

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