

The Animals, New York 1963/America 1968

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The Apollo Theater on a 125th street,
the place was closed, it was pouring rain,
I had a feeling I'd go there again,
The taxi driver thought I was insane,

Brown girl from the Bronx showed me her home,
We went there by subway train
She took me there time and time again
Love was our sweet song's name

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The Negro was my hero and leader
His strange tasting way they turned me on
I tried my best to sound just like him
When he moves he moves like lightning

Across the world the news was flashed
The country's young leader was laid to rest
Another ending of a new beginning
Others cried some were grinning

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In Central Park the children were playing
Behind the bars the tiger walked
Smiling young faces of many colours
Many young tongues were being talked
The garbage lying in the streets of the Village,
Smiling face of an unknown Bob Dylan
(do it again, man)
She was sixteen, young and so willin'
The sudden violence of a Village killin'
(and here comes the Police as usual, eh, what good are you now)

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(and all ya people standing around here with your hands in your pockets)

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Interview:

What did you do in the services?

What did I do in the services? I was a fighter pilot. Yeah, that's right. But they didn't like me. They d
I was trained. The government paid, the government spent over \$250,000 to train me as a pilot, an
That's right when I know you out of the box. (laughter) Yeah, that's right! You know the town that I v
There's got to be a change, there's got to be a change and there's enough people to do it! If they w
But if they, it's time for them to make a move, gets hands outta your pockets and go to work. Do so
End of Interview

Oh, hang on
Wanna be free babe, wanna be free
I made up my mind, that's where I wanna be
That's all I wanna do, to be free, to be free
To smell the grass beneath my feet
To smile at people on the street
To be in love with everyone,
To know that life has just begun
That's where I want to be, I want to be free babe

You know when I'm feelin' good babe?
That's when I feel free when I feel good
And when I feel good it's because, because I'm stoned babe
(I don't believe you)
Oh yes, I'm so stoned, babe
(I don't believe you)
It's a good good feeling, oh yes it is
(I still don't believe you)
Ohhh, I don't care if you don't believe me
(I don't believe you)
It's a good, good feelin' babe
I want to give it away
(No good will come this day)
I want to give it all away
(don't give it to me)
I'll die if I can't give it away
(You cannot give it away)
Tell me
(I can't tell you anything)
Tell me you want to be free, tell me, tell me,
Give me some encouragement
(I feel, I feel, I feel)
And make me baby, I want, I want to make everybody to feel free with me
(I feel, I feel all wrong, you must be wrong)
Because I know but I don't care,
Maybe I'm wrong,
(You've got to be wrong)
I know I'm wrong babe
(You're so wrong)
I'm so very very wrong and what's good for me is good for you
(You cannot be free this way)
It's got to be, oh, free me, oh, free me
(you'll never be free this way)
I got to be free
You can't tell me that I don't feel free because I feel free
(You'll never be free this way)
I wanna be free of all this, I wanna be outta here
(You'll never be free this way)

An animal would do much to protect his young. And an animal will fight to the death to protect his security.

It's altogether something that you would definitely not understand. Nobody understands this because

I think I can feel it, I think I've got it, got to be free
(is it really freedom?)
I wanna give it to you.