

Simon Paul

"Adios Hermanos"

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SAL

It was the morning of October 6th, 1960
I was wearing my brown suit
Preparing to leave the house of D.
Shook some hands then adios Brooklyn amigos
Maybe some of them had hopes of seeing me
again
Some even said that my judge-Judge Gerald
Culkin-
Wouldn't play it by the book
Maybe let us off the hook
But, WOH-OO-WOH, I knew better.

SAL & SALVADOR

Afraid to leave the projects
To cross into another neighborhood

SAL

The blancos and the nigger gangs
Well, they'd kill you if they could.

AUREA & WOMEN

Angel of Mercy, people are suffering
All over the world
Spanish children are taught on their knees
to believe
Angel of Mercy, people are suffering
All over the island tonight,
Mothers weep

SAL & AUREA

Sisters grieve.

SAL

Well, I entered the courtroom, state of New
York
County of New York, just some spic
They scrubbed off the sidewalk
Guilty by my dress
Guilty in the press
Let The Capeman burn for the murder

Well the "Spanish boys" had their day in
court
And now it was time for some fuckin' law and
order
The electric chair
For the greasy pair
Said the judge to the court reporter

SAL & SALVADOR
Afraid to leave the projects
To cross into another neighborhood

SALVADOR
The newspapers and the T.V. crews
Well, they'd kill you if they could

AUREA & WOMEN
Angel of Mercy, people are suffering
All over the world
A Spanish boy could be killed every night of
the week

SAL
But just let some white boy die
And the world goes crazy for blood-Latin
blood.
I don't lie when I speak.

SAL & SALVADOR
Well they shackled my hands

SAL
A heavy belt around my waist to restrain me

SAL & SALVADOR
And they shackled my legs

SAL
Hernandez, the "Umbrella Man," chained
beside me
Then we rode that Black Maria
Through the streets of Spanish Harlem
Calling old friends on the corners

SAL & AUREA
Just to lay our prayers upon them

SAL
Crying
Adios Hermanos, Adios

SAL & SALVADOR
Adios Hermanos, Adios

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Background Vocal-Myrna Gomila
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