

## Cashman & West "American City Suite"

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People going, coming  
Traffic always humming  
A sweet city song  
Everyone your neighbor  
Living at a flavor  
With a sweet city song

There was a certain way  
That the city sound  
Made you glad you belonged  
I remember now  
That the rhythm somehow  
Made me want to sing along

Do do do do, sweet city song  
Do do do do, sweet city song  
Oh, come on along

Boxes on a brick wall  
Boys are playing stickball  
The chicks are walking by  
Something bout their sweaters  
Made you play a little better  
Or at least you'd try

Meanwhile on the corner  
A group is singing  
In three-part harmony  
There was a time  
When you couldn't find  
A better place to be

Do do do do, sweet city song  
Do do do do, sweet city song  
Do do do do, sweet city song  
Come on

Johnny, ride the pony  
The Dodger's own sym-phoney  
An egg cream at the  
Corner candy store  
Radio and dancing slow

Who could ask for more

Do do do do, sweet city song  
Do do do do, sweet city song  
Do do do do, sweet city song  
Come on along

Hello, Jack, it's good to be back  
I been away at school  
Yeah, Ed, I heard what you said  
You know that I'm no fool

I know that it's changing  
I see that it's changed  
I know that it's changing  
I see that it's changed

But goodbye is too hard  
For me to say  
When I still believe  
The good things  
Outweigh the bad

I think of all the  
Good times we had  
Think of all the  
Good times we had

A junkie steals, a mayor deals  
Who knows what's coming next  
Traffic jams and greedy hands  
Did you read it in the text

Of the daily news  
The subway blues  
How does your garden grow  
And the strikes and the likes  
All lined up in a row

Something is wrong here  
It doesn't belong here  
People are locking themselves  
Behind their own four walls

It falls from the skies here  
But no one's surprised here  
And maybe that's the  
Saddest part of all

Jesus freaks  
Mohammed speaks

The Lord is on their team  
Tenements and midtown rents  
Rich and poor live in between

Say a prayer and breathe the air  
In the cold or heat  
When evening falls, the city calls  
But the lights only shine  
On empty streets

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Doesn't belong here  
People are locking themselves  
Behind their own four walls

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No one's surprised here  
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I think of her  
I think of life's own music  
At least that's the way  
It used to be

I think of her and I  
See the children laughing  
But it's only on the streets  
Of my memory

And I never felt so lonely  
And so helpless  
Wishing that I didn't  
Know the truth

But they tell me  
That a friend is dying  
And there's nothing  
In this world I can do

When she was good

It was, oh, so good  
You were blessed  
If she smiled on you

You could be king  
If she believed your story  
When it was over  
If she laughed at you

Now I've never felt so lonely  
And so helpless  
I'm wishing that I  
Didn't know the truth

They tell me  
That a friend is dying  
And there is nothing  
In this world that I can do

The hands that used to  
Reach out to everybody  
Now they're lying by her side

And her eyes are closed  
No one really knows  
If she can make it through  
Another night

Still most of what I love  
Is locked inside her  
Everything I thought  
I'd ever need

My heart keeps crying  
You've got to hold on  
A little bit longer  
But my head is sure  
That it's time to leave

And I've never felt so lonely  
And so helpless  
I'm wishing that I  
Didn't know the truth

And they tell me that  
My friend is dying  
And there's nothing  
In this world that I can do

I've never felt so lonely  
And so helpless

I'm wishing that I  
Didn't know the truth

They tell me that  
A friend, a friend is dying

Oh, New York City  
Can you say it ain't true  
Can you tell me now  
Before I'm leaving you

I'd give anything I own  
Just to believe in you again

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