

## Dory Previn

# "Mary CBrown and the Hollywood Sign"

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You know the hollywood sign  
That stands in the hollywood hills  
I don't think the christ of the andes  
Ever blessed so many ills  
The hollywood sign seems to smile  
Like it's constantly saying "cheese"  
I doubt if the statue of liberty  
Ever welcomed more refugees

Give me your poor  
Your tired your pimps  
Your carhops your cowboys  
Your midgets your chimps  
Give me your freaks  
Your whores your harlots  
Your flunkies your junkies  
Give me your starlets

Mary cecilia brown  
Rode to town on a malibu bus  
She climbed to the top  
Of the hollywood sign  
And with the smallest possible fuss  
She jumped off the letter "h"  
'cause she did not become a star  
She died in less than a minute and a half  
She looked a bit like hedy lamarr

Sometimes i have this dream  
When the time comes for me to go  
I will climb that hill  
And i'll hang myself  
From the second or third letter "o"

When mary cecilia jumped  
She finally made the grade  
Her name was in the obituary column  
Of both the daily trades

I hope the hollywood sign  
Cries for the town it touches  
The lady of lourdes in her grotto

Saw fewer cripples and crutches

Give me your poor  
Your maladjusted  
Your sick and your beat  
And your sad and your busted  
Give me your has-beens  
Give me your twisted  
Your loners your losers  
Give me your black-listed

You know the hollywood sign  
The witness to our confusion  
A symbol of dreams  
Turns out to be  
A sign  
Of disillusion.

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