

## Jill Sobule

### "Perry Street"

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She once stole a paperback  
She found a gay lord's drugs  
She was too ashamed to buy it  
what would the clerk think of her  
so she put it in her overcoat  
and had a bite to eat  
with the whole book in her pocket she couldn't wait to  
read  
she's goin' down she's goin' down town to Perry Street  
she's goin' down she's goin' way down to Perry Street

Small room in a tiny town  
she made sure they were asleep  
she read about the wicked girls who live on Perry Street  
which was down in Greenwich Village  
it was 1963  
it was more than she imagined it could ever be  
she's goin' down she's goin' down town to Perry Street  
she's goin' down she's goin' way down to Perry Street

Page 45 she has her first kiss  
Page 68 she's almost there  
she's almost there

She pulled into the station  
With her suitcase in both hands  
Her heart pounding louder than the pomington grass  
band  
And the stars are from the ceiling  
Shine down as in a dream  
She hails her first cab ever she goes down to Perry  
Street  
she's goin' down she's goin' down town to Perry Street  
she's goin' down she's goin' way down, yeah  
she's goin' down she's goin' way down to Perry Street

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