

## **Jim Carroll**

# **"City Drops Into The Night"**

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It's when billy's whores are re to seeorkin'  
They're workin' with the skeleton crew  
It's when the sky over jersey  
That sky starts to drain from view  
It's when my woman pawns her voice so  
So she can make her old excuses sound new

But I just want one clue

Refrain:

'cause when the city drops into the night  
Before the darkness there's one moment of light  
When everything seems clear  
The other side, it seems so near  
What seemed wrong?  
I think it's gonna be just about right  
Before the city drops, the city drops  
Into the night

It's when the door to the river  
That door is like 26 miles  
It's when ambitious little girls start  
They start to dream about a change in style  
It's when the slick boys got their fingers  
They got their fingers in the telephone dial

But I think I'll just wait a while

Repeat refrain

It's when the sneak thieves are checkin'  
They're checkin the alleys for unlocked doors  
And billy's sister's gettin' frantic 'cause  
'cause billy's sister's little brother can't score  
It's when the woman from the dream is . . .  
Oh my god! that's the woman on the floor

Each promise was just one promise more

Repeat refrain

It's when teddy's ghost is on the roof

Beatin' his drum  
And teddy's best friend is two blocks east  
And he's makin' teddy's ex-girlfriend come  
You know, they mistook teddy's blind trust . . .  
Just to prove that teddy was dumb . . .  
But listen, you know, I think they are both just scum

Repeat refrain

It's when the body at the bottom,  
That body is my own reflection  
But it ain't hip to sink that low  
Unless you're gonna make a resurrection  
They're always gonna come to your door  
They're gonna say, "it's just a routine inspection"  
But what you get when you open your door  
What you get is just another injection  
And there's always gonna be one more  
With just a little bit less until the next one  
They wait in shadows and steal the light from your eyes  
To them vision's just some costly infection  
But listen, you should come with me  
I'm the fire, I'm the fire's reflection  
I'm just a constant warning to take the other direction

Mister, I am your connection

Repeat refrain

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