

# **Joni Mitchell**

## **"The Only Joy In Town"**

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I want to paint a picture  
Botticelli style  
Instead of Venus on a clam  
I'd paint this flower child

"You are the air my flowers breathe"  
He calls and the ladies turn around  
On the first day of spring  
I'm looking at the only joy around

He's the only joy around  
(Botticelli black boy)  
The only joy I found  
(Botticelli black boy)  
The only joy in town

The Spanish steps are crowded  
Bunch of bodies brooding there  
Dead pan side-walk vendors  
Hustling vacant stares

Making all the more exceptional  
This fool in a flower crown  
On the first day of spring  
I'm looking at the only joy in town

He's the only joy around  
(Botticelli black boy)  
The only joy I found  
(Botticelli black boy)  
The only joy in town

Botticelli black boy  
Botticelli black boy

The Botticelli black boy  
With the fuchsias in his hair  
Is breathing in women like oxygen  
On the Spanish stairs

In my youth I would have followed him  
All through this terra-cotta town

On the first day of spring, we'd dance and sing  
And be the only joy around

We'd be the only joy around  
(Botticelli black boy)  
The only joy in town  
(Botticelli black boy)  
He's the only joy I've found all day

At night these streets are empty  
Where does everybody go  
Where are the brash and tender rooms  
In Roman candle glow

Where are Fellini's circus  
La Dolce Vita clowns  
On the first day of spring  
I'm looking at the only joy in town

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(Botticelli black boy)  
The only joy I found  
(Botticelli black boy)  
He's the only joy in town

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